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STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE MALABAR COAST, CEYLON, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Contract with Government, despatch Steamers as above with Mails, Passengers, and Cargo, every fo[illegible] fifteen days.

The Steam-ship ARABIA, 1,080 Tons, 200 H.P., Commander W. E. Matthews, will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 9th March, 1872, at 2 P.M.

	March 1872.		March 1872.
Leave BOMBAY	9	Leave Tuticorin	17
,, Mutwaghery	10	,, Colombo	18
,, Vingorla	10	,, Galle	19
,, Carwar	11	,, Negapatam	22
,, Mangalore	12	,, Madras	25
,, Cannanore	13	,, Coconada	27
,, Tellicherry	13	,, Vizagapatam	28
,, Calicut	14	,, Bimlipatam	28
,, Beypore	14	,, Gopaulpore	29
,, Cochin	15	,, False Point	30
,, Allepey	16	Arrive CALCUTTA	31

This route is the most expeditious and economical for Passengers for the Neilgherries District, Bangalore, and Madras, who can land at Cochin or Beypore and proceed from thence by rail. Passengers for Calcutta can take the same route, picking up the steamer at Madras.

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE PERSIAN GULF VIA KURRACHEE.

Interchange[illegible] Bagdad, [illegible] Company

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, will despatch a Steamer every Monday to the Persian Gulf, touching at [illegible] KUWEIT, BUSHIRE, GUADUR, MUSCAT, BUNDER ABBAS, LINGA, MAHOMERAH, and BUSSORAH.

The Steam-ship INDIA, 1,010 Tons, 200 H. P., Commander R. L. Turner, will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 1st March 1872, at [illegible] noon.

	March 1872.		March 1872.
Leave BOMBAY	1	Leave BUSSORAH	20
,, Kurrachee	4	Arrive Fao	20
Arrive Guadur	6	,, Bushire	22
,, Muscat	8	,, Linga	27
,, Bunder Abbas	10	,, Bunder Abbas	29
,, Linga	12	,, Muscat	31
,, Bushire	14		April.
,, Fao	16	,, Guadur	2
Arrive BUSSORAH	17	Leave KURRACHEE	5
		Arrive BOMBAY	8

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH KURRACHEE.

THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under Mail Contract with Government, and in connection with Weekly Service from England, despatch a Steamer to Kurrachee every FRIDAY from January 26th, at noon.

The Steam-ship KURRACHEE, 510 Tons, 120 H. P., Commander A. Scott, will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 8th March, 1872, at noon.

N.B.—No cargo will be received on the day of sailing.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM FERRIES (under contract with Government).—Steam Ferry Boats will ply across the Harbour daily, stopping at the undermentioned Bunders:—

Fares from Bombay to

Class.	Rewas.	Dhurumtor.	Oorun.	Hog Island.	Oolwa.
	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.
First Class	2 0	3 0	2 0	2 0	3 0
Second Class	0 12	1 8	0 12	0 12	1 8
Third Class	0 8	1 0	0 8	0 8	0 8

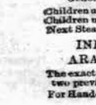
The Rewas and Dhurumtor Ferry Steamer leaves Carnac Bunder daily at 8 A.M., and Dhurumtor at 1 P.M. The Oorun, Hog Island, and Oolwa Ferry Steamer leaves Carnac Bunder daily at 8-30 A.M., and Oolwa at 1 P.M. Passengers are required to obtain Tickets from the Bunder Clerk previous to proceeding on board.

J. A. SHEPHERD.

No. 33, Meadow Street, Bombay.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH ITALY.

(VIA SUEZ CANAL.)



ITALIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY of Messrs. RUBATTINO & Co., GENOA. The regular Steamers leave

GENOA and BOMBAY on the 24th, on the 1st of each month.

PASSENGER RATES.

Inclusive of all Transit Fees through the Suez Canal.)

To	1st Class.	2nd Class.		3rd Class.	
Aden	£22	£15	Winds.	£4	Food.
Suez	36	22		8	
Port Said	38	24		9	
Alexandria	38	24	Including	9-10	Without
Messina	50	34		14	
Naples	50	34		14	
Leghorn	50	34		14	
Genoa	50	34		14	
Marseilles (transhipment at Genoa)	52	35		14-10	

Children under 3 years, free of charge.
Children not above 10 years, half fare.
Next Sailing from Bombay :—

INDIA, on FRIDAY, 1st March 1872.
ARABIA, on MONDAY, 1st April 1872.

The exact hour of departure will be fixed and published a day or two previous to sailing.

For Hand-books of Information, Rates of Freight, &c., apply to VOLKART BROTHERS,
Agents Rubattino Steam Navigation Company.

Bombay, 30th September 1871.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

MONTHLY LINE OF STEAMERS BETWEEN BOMBAY AND TRIESTE VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Company intends to despatch every month a Steamer from TRIESTE to BOMBAY and *vice versa*.

The Imperial Mail Steamers URANUS, 3,308 Tons, 400 H.P., and AURORA, 3,338 Tons, 400 H.P., which have excellent accommodation for a large number of Pas-engers, and carry Doctors and Stewardesses will leave Bombay on or about the 10th March and 10th April respectively, and Steamer SULINA, about the 10th May.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

To	1st Class.		2nd Class.		Deck.
Trieste	£45 0	.....	£35 0	.....	£19 0
Port Said	£33 6	.....	£25 0	.....	£14 6
Suez	£32 8	.....	£22 0	.....	£13 7

Children under 3 years of age, Free; above 3 and under 10 years, Half Fare.

The rates for Cabin Passengers include food and table wine from Suez through Egypt, and free conveyance of 3 cwt. luggage. For luggage in excess £4 per Ton is charged.

Cargo taken for Trieste, also for Venice, Constantinople, and Odessa, Adeo, Egypt, Palermo, and the Continent generally.

THERE is also a weekly service by MAIL STEAMERS between Alexandria and Trieste, and *vice versa*, in conjunction with the P. & O. Co.'s Mail Steamers to and from Suez. The Austrian Lloyd's Mail Steamers leave Alexandria direct for Trieste immediately after the arrival of the Bombay and Calcutta Mails from Suez. The distance between Alexandria and Trieste is 200 miles shorter than that between Alexandria and Marseilles, and the voyage to Trieste is much more agreeable, it being a coasting trip full of beautiful scenery from the Island of Candia to the Port of Trieste. The passage occupies only 4½ to 5 days, and the Company's best Steamers are employed on this Line, which are built expressly for this service, with special regard to the accommodation and comfort of Passengers, and have each an experienced Surgeon on board. At Trieste the traveller has an extensive choice of picturesque and interesting routes to England has an extensive choice of picturesque and interesting routes, occupying from three days six hours to five days to London, at an expense varying from £7 to £13.

Passengers by the P. & O. Co.'s steamers to Suez can have their baggage forwarded by that Company's steamers from Alexandria to Southampton, at a charge of 10s. per cwt., for the regulated allowance of 2 cwt., and of 20s. per cwt. for excess of the regulated allowance of 2 cwt., and of 20s. per cwt. for excess of weight (both exclusive of transit through Egypt), to which the Austrian Lloyd's Agent at Suez will attend.

The undersigned grants also Passage Tickets for the steamers plying between Alexandria and Trieste, and for the Railway between Suez and Alexandria.

PASSENGER RATES from ALEXANDRIA to TRIESTE.

First Class.....£13 | Second Class £9

Children under 10 years at Half Fare; under 2 years, Free.

Reduced Fares for Families, consisting of not less than 3 adult members travelling together :—First Class, £10-16 per head; Second Class, £7-10 per head.

Personal Baggage allowed Free : 1st Class 200 lbs., 2nd Class 100 lbs., overweight 10s. per 100 lbs.

Railway Tickets, from SUEZ to ALEXANDRIA, with all the privileges of Passengers by the P. & O Co. :—First Class, £3 ; Second Class, £2. Children over 3 and under 10 years at Half Fare. Free Baggage—1st Class 3 cwt., 2nd Class 200 lbs., overweight 7s. per cwt.

For further particulars, and for Freight and Passage, apply to the Agency of the Austrian Lloyd's Steam Navigation Company.

A. C. GUMPERT, Manager.

Bombay, 13, Meadow Street, 12th February 1872.

SHIPPING.

OVERLAND ROUTE.

On Monday, the 26th February, at 3 P.M., from Mazagon.

THE P. & O. Co.'s s. s. PESHAWUR, (3,781 tons and 600 H.P.) Captain C. A. White, will LEAVE for SUEZ as above, carrying H. M.'s Mails, also Passengers and Cargo for that Port, Brindisi, Southampton, &c.

Cargo can also be booked through to Messina, Naples, Leghorn, Genoa, Trieste, Venice, Odessa, Constantinople, Ancona, Marseilles, Havre, Liverpool, London and New York.

No Cargo can be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing.

The Company reserve the option of forwarding all Goods shipped by their steamers for Europe, through Egypt, either by Rail, or by Canal in their own steamers, or in vessels employed for the purpose.

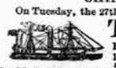
Passengers are requested to send their heavy baggage to Mazagon before 10 A.M. on the day of the Steamer's departure, in order that it may be weighed and labelled previous to shipment.

A small Steamer will leave the New Dock Head at Mazagon at 3 P.M., precisely, on the day of sailing.

GEORGE F. HENRY, Superintendent.

STEAM TO CEYLON, PENANG, STRAITS, CHINA, AND JAPAN.

On Tuesday, the 27th February, at 3 P.M., from Mazagon.



THE P. and O. Co.'s s. s. COLUMBIAN (2,179 tons and 500 H.P.), Captain N. Stewart, will be despatched as above carrying H. M.'s Mails, and taking also Passengers and Cargo for Madras and Calcutta.

No Cargo will be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing, and no brokerage will be allowed on any chest of opium, the officer's receipt for which is not lodged in the Company's office before noon, on Saturday, the 24th February.

GEORGE F. HENRY, Superintendent.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

(Via Suez Canal.)

To be despatched this Month.

THE fine new s.s. RED GAUNTLET, Captain Mann, 1,429 Tons, Classed 100 A 1, 900 Horse Power effective, will be despatched as above.

This Vessel is fitted with superior accommodation for Passengers, embracing the most recent appliances likely to conduce to their comfort. She carries a Surgeon and Stewardess.

Plans of the accommodation may be seen, and further particulars learned, on application to

REMINGTON & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 12th February 1872.

STEAM TO LIVERPOOL, via SUEZ CANAL.

THE Fine full-powered Screw Steamer CALEDON, 1,181 Tons Register, classed 90 years A 1 at Lloyd's, is intended to be despatched on the 7th March.

This fine Steamer, built expressly for the Eastern Trade, has excellent accommodation for first Cabin Passengers, being fitted with all modern improvements.

Fares :

To LIVERPOOL	£45
,, SUEZ	£30
,, MALTA	£35

Exclusive of Wines and Spirits, which can be obtained on board.

For Passage ONLY apply to

BLAY & MACKINTOSH.

ADRIATICO ORIENTAL COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are authorized to issue THROUGH TICKETS from SUEZ to PARIS, by Steamers of the above Company, from Alexandria to Brindisi, thence per Rail via the Mont Cenis Tunnel to Paris,—making the total cost to Paris

Per P. & O. Steamer.		Per Canal Steamer.	
To SUEZ	Rs. 500	To SUEZ	Rs. 350
EGYPTIAN TRANSIT	,, 30	EGYPTIAN TRANSIT	,, 30
ALEXANDRIA to PARIS	176	ALEXANDRIA to PARIS	170
	Rs. 706		Rs. 550

STEARNS, HOBART, & Co.

Bombay, 15th February 1872.

FOR LIVERPOOL, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

To be despatched on 12th March.

MESSRS. JOSEPH HEALD & Co.'s New and Powerful Steamship RUTTON, 2,340 tons, J. S. Castle, Commander, late of the P. and O. Service.

This fine Steamer has extensive Passenger accommodation of a very superior description, with Cabins on deck, and is fitted with Ladies' Saloon, Smoking Room, Bath Rooms, Ice House, and Punkahs. She carries a Surgeon and Stewardess.

Rates of Passage Money :

1st CLASS to SUEZ	£30
Ditto to LIVERPOOL	£50

exclusive of Wines, &c., which can be had on board at moderate prices.

For Passage and further particulars apply to GRINDLAY, GROOM, and Co.

THOMAS STEUART & Co., Agents.

FOR TRIESTE AND VENICE, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamer NORTH TYNE, 1,209 Tons, 120 Horse Power, built in 1870, and classed 90 A1 in Lloyd's, will be despatched EARLY in MARCH.

Rates of Passage Money.

To Venice or Trieste	£ 45
To Suez	,, 30
To Port Said	,, 32

Exclusive of Wines and Spirits, which can be had on board.

For further particulars apply to

FINLAY, MUIR, & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 13th February 1872.

FOR LIVERPOOL, VIA SUEZ CANAL, CALLING AT MALTA.

THE new Steamship SOUTH TYNE, 1,519 Tons, 140 Horse Power, classed 100 A1 at Lloyd's, built in 1871 specially for the East India Trade, with Cabins on deck, and having accommodation for Twenty Passengers, will be despatched about the END of March.

Rates of Passage Money.

To Liverpool	£ 50
To Suez	,, 30
To Malta	,, 40

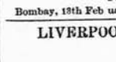
Exclusive of Wines and Spirits, which can be had on board.

For further particulars apply to

FINLAY MUIR, & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 13th February 1872.

FOR LIVERPOOL, VIA SUEZ CANAL, CALLING AT MALTA.



THE new Steam-ship REDEWATER, 1,429 Tons, 140 Horse Power, 380 effective, classed A 1, 100, at Lloyds, W. Richards, Commander.

This fine Steamer, built expressly for the East India and China trade, having very superior accommodation for Thirty Passengers and with a Doctor on board, will be despatched about the 15TH MARCH.

Rates of Passage Money.

1st Class to Liverpool	£ 50
1st Class to Suez	,, 30
1st Class to Malta	,, 40

Exclusive of Wines and Spirits, which can be had on board.

For further particulars apply to

FINLAY, MUIR, & Co., Agents.

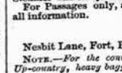
Bombay, 13th Feb uary 1872.

LIVERPOOL, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

FARES:

FIRST CLASS	£45
SECOND CLASS	£28
Children under 10—Half Fare	
3—Free	

Exclusive of Wines, Beer, &c., but including Cabin Furniture, Bedding, Linen, Towels, &c.



MESSRS. HUGHES and NEPHEW'S Steamers will sail from Bombay as under :—

About April 10th, "CELLA," 2,000 Tons, 300 H.P. ..... Commander.

About April 15th, "EUROPEAN" 2,600 Tons, 450 H.P., Abbaks, Commander.

These magnificent Full-powered Steamers are splendidly fitted up with Spacious Saloon, roomy Cabins, and every comfort. Each Steamer will carry a Surgeon and Stewardess.

For Passages only, apply to the Undersigned, who will supply all information.

JOHNSON & Co., Ship-Brokers.

Nesbit Lane, Fort, Bombay.

Note.—*For the convenience of intending Passengers residing Up-country, heavy baggage may be sent to us, and will be shipped FREE.*

"WILSON LINE."

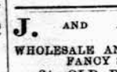
LIVERPOOL, VIA SUEZ CANAL

(To follow the Orlando.)

The Fine New Steamer

VIRAGO,

1,800 Tons, 250 H.P. (Nom.), will be despatched on the 20TH MARCH,



HAS excellent accommodation for First Class Passengers, and will carry a Surgeon and Stewardess.

RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY,

Exclusive of Wines and Spirits, which can be had on board,

To SUEZ	Rs. 300
To LIVERPOOL	,, 500

To be followed by the undermentioned new first class Steamers :—

Realo	1482 tons, to sail	21st	March.
Como	1500 ,, ,,	25th	,,
Palermo	1500 ,, ,,	7th	April.
Urbino	1535 ,, ,,	14th	,,
Othello	3000 ,, ,,	15th	May.

And other Steamers.

For Passage apply to

GRINDLAY, GROOM, & Co.

J. AND E. ATKINSON,

WHOLESALE AND EXPORT PERFUMERS, AND FANCY SOAP MANUFACTURERS,

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N.B.—All Perfumes manufactured "in Bond," and shipped duty free at great reduction.

PRICE LIST ON APPLICATION.

Caution.—Many spurious imitations are now sold of Messrs. J. & E. Atkinson's Goods; orders should therefore be sent direct or through commission houses of repute. Their Goods may be had of all respectable dealers throughout India and China.

Agents for Bombay Presidency,

D. S. KEMP & CO.

SALES BY AUCTION.

CRAWFORD AND COMPANY,
3, Marine Street, Bombay.

VALUABLE AND MODERN NEW MISCELLANEOUS READING BOOKS.
(Handsomely bound in Morocco.)
Comprising standard Works of all classes.

On WEDNESDAY, the 28th instant, sale commencing at or about 2 P.M., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sale by Public Auction, at their Rooms, an invoice of 2 cases of new Miscellaneous Reading Books, comprising standard works of all classes.

Catalogues with the fullest particulars have been published, and may be had at the Auctioneers' Rooms, where the Books are on view.

CRAWFORD & Co.

Bombay, 26th February 1872.

DINSHAW HORMUSJEE AND Co.
AUCTIONEERS.

AUCTION SALE of Valuable Household Furniture, Glass and Porcelainware, Plate Articles, a very handsome light Mail Phaeton and a young Bay Mare, &c., at the Bungalow adjoining the Upas-Cottage, at Parell.

Messrs. DINSHAW HORMUSJEE & Co., have been instructed to sell by public Auction on TUESDAY, the 5th March, at or about 1 P.M., at his residence at the abovenamed place, the property of Thomas Nowell, Esq., (processing to up-country), the same comprises cut glass ware, dinner, dessert, and tea services, plated curry dishes, cruet, pickle and liquor-frames, salvers, butterpot, plated spoons and forks, cutlery; and the blackwood furnitur , square dining table, sideboard, dining-room chairs, carved circular and pier tables, round teapoys, sidetables with marble tops, chiffoniers, a plated six light lamp, writing table, cheval and dressing glasses, carpets, engravings in frames, couches and reclining-couches, drawing-room and easy chairs, a blackwood 4 post bedstead with mattras, dressing and washhand tables, camp cots, clothes press, wardrobe, chest of drawers, hatstand, table and hanging argand lamps, vases, cupboards, copper cooking utensils, and dispense articles, &c.

At 2 P.M.

A very handsome light mail phaeton, and a fast trotting young bay mare and harness.

Catalogues will be published, and the property can be inspected 4 days prior to the day of sale,

DINSHAW HORMUSJEE & Co.

Bombay, 26th February 1872.

MENESSE AND COMPANY.

NOTICE TO SHIP CAPTAINS, SHIP CHANDLERS, AND

AUCTION SALE OF PAINT AND LEAD PIPES.
to close an account.

On WEDNESDAY, the 28th February, at 2 P.M., Messrs. MENESSE & Co. will sell by Public Auction, in the Godown No. 3, Caurch Lane, underneath Messrs. Rennie, Scovell & Co.'s :—

A small parcel of Vivian's Anti-fouling Paint, Borquets' patent. About 7 tons Haines's Patent Tin-lined Lead Water Pipes, ½ to 1½ inches.

The above will be sold in small lots to meet the requirements of purchasers.

On THURSDAY, the 29th instant, Messrs. MENESSE and Co. will hold their usual Weekly Auction sale, at their Rooms, of a quantity of Grey, White, and Coloured Piece Goods, Twist, &c.

12 bales Grey Shirtings.
2 ,, ,, T. Cloth.
3 cases T. Red Cambrics.
7 ,, India Bengal Stripes.
2 ,, Coloured Sarries.

On account and risk of Kaderbhoy Essoobhoy :—
2 cases Bohemian Glass Beads.

FOR SALE ON COMMISSION.
Japanese Lilies.

MENESSE & Co.

Bombay, 26th February 1872.

BENNETT AND COMPANY.
No. 4, FORBES STREET.

NOTICE

The Sale of the property belonging to the Hon'ble H. P. St. G. TUCKER is postponed on TUESDAY, the 27th instant, as the day fixed for removal Thanksgiving on account of the recovery of H. R. H. the PRINCE OF WALES.

AUCTION SALE of very valuable and handsome English Mahogany Rosewood and richly Carved Blackwood Household Furniture, best Plated rich Crockery and Glassware, a valuable gilt 28 day Clock, a handsome Black Bay Arab Riding Horse, a splendid collection of choice plants, &c. at the Bungalow adjoining the Upas-Cottage, at Parell.

Messrs. BENNETT and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at his residence, at the abovementioned place, the valuable and handsome Household Furniture, &c., the property of the Hon'ble H. P. St. G. Tucker, the same comprises, handsome sets of rich vine leaf pattern and hollow stem glassware, rich dinner, breakfast and tea services, best plateaware, such as bot water curry dishes, cruet, pickle and egg frames, ice pitchers, waiters, toastracks, sets of King's pattern spoons and forks, handsome dessert knives and forks, in mahogany cases for 18 and 24 persons, single and double branched table candlesticks, silver ware, cutlery by Mappin Brothers, handsomely carved blackwood furniture, such as a set of dining table in 6 pieces for 28 persons, sideboard, dumbwaiter, 4-seps, dining-room chairs, circular, pier, card, and chess tables, handsome English rosewood easy and drawing-room chairs, conversation sofas, handsome couch ottoman, rich drawing-room carpets, handsome plated double and 6 light argand chandeliers, Lady's English walnutwood writing table, China lacquered easy chairs, a solid marble top, handsome English brass four-post bedsteads, a blackwood ditto, camp cots, bed-room sofas, dressing and washing tables, toilet and cheval glasses, Scotch and gown presses, wardrobes and almirahs, China camphorwood chest of drawers, first-rate double barrelled guns in cases by G. H. Dawes, Green, Forsyth and Co., and John Blisset, a five chamber revolver by Deane, Adams and Deane, dispense articles, cooking utensils, a large collection of choice plants in tubs and pots, garden seats, China flower pot stands, garden engines, sets of English double and single harness, Lady's and Gentleman's saddles by Grant and Sons, and Wilkinson and Kid, &c., &c.

At 2 P.M. on the first day of sale.

A handsome high-caste Dark Bay Arab Riding Horse.

Catalogues are published, and the property is now on view.

N.B.—The plants will be sold precisely at 7 o'clock A.M. on the 28th instant.

AUCTION SALE of very valuable and richly carved Blackwood Household Furniture, Tucker's handsome plated Chandeliers, a valuable 8-Day Clock by James McCabe, rich Table Ornaments, a splendid collection of rare, Plants in tubs and pots, &c., at Cumballa Hill.

On TUESDAY, the 4th proximo, Messrs. BENNETT & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at the abovementioned place, the very valuable and handsome Household Furniture, &c., the property of the Parsee gentleman Jehangeer Framjee.

Full particulars will be given hereafter. Catalogues will be published, and the property will be on view 4 days before the day of sale.

AUCTION SALE of valuable and Handsome Household Furniture, best plated, rich Crockery and Glassware, a full toned Mahogany grand square Piano by C. H. Schroder, a first-class full size slate Billiard Table by "Tournstone & Co.," a handsome English-built Circular glass-fronted double seated Brougham by "Lewis of Salisbury," a very handsome Grey Arab Charger, 14 height 14-2½, a handsome high caste Bay Horse, height 14-3, a splendid mover, good in single and double harness, a powerful chesnut Australian, Brougham do., plants, &c., at "Altamont," Khumballa Hill.

On TUESDAY next, the 19th proximo, Messrs. BENNETT & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at his residence, at the abovementioned place, the valuable and handsome Household Furniture, Piano, Billiard Table, Carriage, Horses, &c., the property of C. M. Kais, Esq.

Catalogues will be published, and the property will be on view 5 days before the day of sale.

AUCTION SALE of very valuable and richly carved Blackwood and Mahogany Household Furniture, best Plated rich Crockery, and Glassware, a Miniature Billiard Table and if not previously disposed of a handsome Landau, lately received from England in perfect order, by Robert Ness and Sons, a new Cab Buggy made to order, a handsome Nutmeg Grey Australian Horse, rising six, go d in single and double harness, height 15-3, plants, &c., at Marine Lines, Esplanade.

On TUESDAY, the 26th March, Messrs. BENNETT & Co. will sell by Public Auction at his residence, at the abovementioned place, the very handsome Household Furniture, Plated Glass and Porcelainware, Carriages, Horse, &c., the property of Brigadier-General Stock.

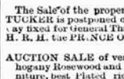
Full particulars will be given hereafter, Catalogues will be published, and the property on view 4 days before the day of sale.

BENNETT & Co.

Bombay, 23th February 1872.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

STEAMER TO THE MALABAR COAST.



THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION Co. (Limited) will DESPATCH the Steam-ship EUPHRATES, 650 Tons, 100 H.P., Commander C. C. D. Hutchison, to the undermentioned PORTS on THURSDAY, the 29th February 1872, at 4 P.M., returning to Bombay on the 11th proximo :—

RUTNAGHERRY.	TELLICHERRY.
VINGORLA.	CALICUT.
CARWAR.	COCHIN
MANGALORE.	ALLEPY.
CANNANORE.	

For Freight and Passage apply to

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

NOTICE.—The CARGO of the Steamer REDEWATER, arrived from Liverpool, is now being landed, and Consignees are requested to TAKE DELIVERY of their respective GOODS from the Bunder.

Bills of Lading and Delivery Orders to be sent for inspection to

FINLAY, MUIR, & Co.,
Agents for Captain Richards.

Bombay, 24th February 1872.

SPORTING.

GREAT SALE OF RACE-HORSES.

TO be SOLD by AUCTION on THURSDAY, 7th March, at 4 P.M., Major CROSBIE'S splendid STUD of RACE-HORSES, 16 in number, viz :—

Waler, Platers.
Do. Maidens.
Arabs, Platers.
Do. Maidens.

The pick of the Stables this Season.

TERMS CASH.

AT BYCULLA GRAND STAND.

AUSTRALIAN HORSES.—A BATCH of 60 thorough-bred AUSTRALIAN HORSES expected daily at the Byculla Commission Stables. They are selected particularly for the Bombay market by the well known importer, Mr. JAMES LALOR.

ALLI ABDOOLLA.

Bombay, 24th February 1872.

AYAH, lately returned from England, is desirous of obtaining Service with a Lady and Children going to England. She has excellent references. Address KUTTIBAI, Care of "W.," Ahmednuggur.

WANTED, by a young Man engaged in the Fort, BOARD and LODGING with a Family at Tanna, Bandora, or elsewhere in the vicinity of a Railway Station and an easy distance from Bombay.—Address, stating terms, &c., BETA, Office of the *Bombay Gazette*.

ECONOMY IN THE TABLE.

HOUSEHOLD CLARET, Qts. Rs. 9, Pts. Rs. 5 dozen.

AROMATIC DISTILLATE, Rs. 1-8 per Bo tle.

CLARET CUP made with the above has been subjected to the keenest criticism, and is now allowed to surpass any that can be prepared with crude spices. As a cheap table beverage, wholesome, and equally grateful at all Seasons, it is equalled by nothing else.

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NOTICE.—Ladies and Gentlemen wishing to see the magnificent collection of PLANTS for ornamenting Gardens and embellishing apartments imported from Africa by Messrs. Martin & Co., are respectfully informed that Mr. Martin will leave Bombay on 5th March. The Plants are on Sale at Apollo House, Apollo Street, Bombay.

THE BANK OF BENGAL will be CLOSED on TUESDAY, the 27th instant, set apart by Government as a DAY of THANK-GIVING for the RECOVERY of HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES.

For the Bank of Bengal,

G. W. MOULTRIE, Agent.

Bombay, 24th February 1872.

NOTICE—Any PERSON having CLAIMS against the late Mr. MARTIN, Riding Master, 15th (the King's) Hussars, are requested to forward the same within one month from this date to Captain MAXWELL, 15th Hussars, Mhow, President of the Committee of Adjustment of the late Mr. Martin's affairs.

Mhow, 23rd February 1872.

ALL PERSONS whose Schedules have not been called for are requested to forward them to the Office of the Undersigned without delay.

T. G. HEWLETT,
Health Officer.

24th February 1872.

NOTICE is hereby given, that AWABAEE, Widow of FRAMJEE JEEWAJEE GORDON, of Bombay, Parsee Inhabitant, has CONTRACTED TO SELL all that PIECE OF LAND, together with the Dwelling-house standing thereon, situate on the east side of Pursotum Chimsee's Street, in the island of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 2933 square yards, and bounded on the east by sweeper's passage and the back wall of house belonging to Jehangirjee Framjee, on the west by the said Purshotum Chimjee's Street, on the north by a gully of the said house and by the property of Jamsetjee Dorabjee, and on the south by the house of Burjorjee Bomanjee, and which said Land is registered by the Collector of Bombay under No. 282, and the said house is assessed by the Collector of Assessment under No. 15 All persons having any claims on the said land and premises, by way of inheritance, mortgage, or otherwise, are requested to make the same known to the Undersigned, at their Office, in Apollo Street, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the purchase will be completed without reference to such claims if there be any.—Dated this 24th day of February 1872.

RIMINGTON, HORE, & LANGLEY,
Purchaser's Solicitors.

WANTED.

WANTED, a PARTNER by an old established EUROPEAN FIRM (with Branches) in general trade, in an Up-country Military Station, to RE-PLACE one who has recently RETIRED from the BUSINESS in consequence of ILL-HEALTH. Capital required.—Apply to Messrs. KEMP & Co., Bombay.

WANTED, a CLERK of the WORKS to SUPERINTEND the ERECTION of the COMPANY'S MILL at Bhownugger. Applica ions, in writing, stating Salary required and enclosing Copies of Testimonials, will be received by the Undersigned. None but experienced hands holding First-class Testimonials need apply.

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TO BE LET, a spacious HOUSE, having Vehar Water, and good Sea-breeze, situated at Small Colabs, St. Thomas's Street, opposite Messrs. Remington & Co.'s Cotton Screws. House No. 117. For further particulars apply to Manockjee Nowrojee, Meadow Street, No. 32, Fort, or at No. 124, Small Colaba.

TO LET, a spacious two-storied HOUSE, at the corner of Church Gate Street, opposite the Cathedral and adjoining the *Times of India* Office.

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A BUNGALOW (with Furniture) at Matheran, situated on one of the best sites of the Hill, and commanding an excellent view. For the next Hot Season, viz., every April and May.

Several APARTMENTS fit for Offices, in Church Gate Street, Fort.

One BUNGALOW on the Breach Candy

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

SHARE MARKET.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

MARKET firm, with little doing.

BOMBAY BILL AND STOCK LIST.

BANKS.

No. of Shares	Nomi. value of sh.	Paid up.	Last divi-dend.	Names.	Cash Rates per Share.
	Rs.	Rs.	p. a.		
100,000	100	all	4 p.ct.	Agra Bank	99
22,000	1,000	all	6 p.ct.	Bank of Bengal	1.4 0 pl.
10,000	500	all	5 p.ct.	Do of Bombay New	700
10,000	500	100	5 p.ct.	Do 2nd Ins. Issue	102½
15,250	1,000	all	5 p.ct.	Do of Madras	1,300
10,000	250	all	6 p.ct.	Chartered Mercantile Bk. of L. & China	255
40,000	281½	all	12 pct.	Hong. & Shanghai Bank	410 n'.
40,000	200	all	Nil.	Chartered Bk. of L. & C.	140
17,000	250	125	20.	National Bank of India	59
10,000	250	all	12 do	Oriental Bank	480

KHANGAUM AND OOMRAWUTTEE BRANCH RAILWAYS.

Traffic Receipts and Train Mileage for week ended 27th January 1872.

KHANGAUM.	RECEIPTS. Rs. a. p.	TRAIN MILEAGE
Passengers	94 5 6	44
Goods	589 2 11	84
Electric Telegraph	5 12 7	0
Total	689 5 0	128
OOMRAWUTTEE		
Passengers	83 9 1	31
Goods	708 7 7	187
Electric Telegraph	1 15 11	0
	824 0 7	219

CALCUTTA.—21ST FEBRUARY.

Prices of Government Securities were slightly higher; the following transactions were reported :—

4 per cents, at Rs. 99-1 and 99-2 or 0-15 to 0-14 discount, and small pieces at Rs. 99-4 to 99-6 or 0-12 to 0-10 discount.

4½ per cents of 1872 at Rs. 101-6, and smalls at Rs. 101-8 to 101-10.

Rs. 103-6 for 5 per cents were refused.

In shares, the following purchases and sales were reported :—National Bank shares, several lots, to different parties, at Rs. 90.

SALES AND PURCHASES.

THE undermentioned sales are reported to have been effected by European firms on Saturday :—

PIECE GOODS.

			Rs. A. P.
750 pieces Grey Shirtings	40 inch 39 yds.	6 lbs.	4 7 3
650 " " "	45 " 39 "	9 lbs.	6 11 6
300 " " "	40 " 39 "	7 lbs.	4 13 0
1,250 " " "	40 " 39 "	8½ lbs.	5 11 0
1,500 " " "	43 " 39 "	7 lbs.	4 12 0
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500 " " "	45 " 39 "	9 lbs.	6 9 0
2,500 " " Cambries	50 " 24 "	5½ lbs.	3 11 6
1,000 " " "	50 " 24 "	5½ lbs.	3 11 6
3,000 " " Jaconets	40 " 20 "	2½ lbs.	1 15 6
3,000 " " Madap. (sc.)	32 " 24 "	3 lbs.	2 2 0

COTTON.

50 candies Old Ahmedabad (ready)	...	Rs. 228-31½
10 " " "	...	227-34
50 " " "	...	226-30
250 " " D. Sawginned (20 days)	...	250
50 " New Broach M.G. (ready)	...	260
25 " " "	...	223
50 " " Oomrawuttee (full pressed)	...	273-75
75 " " Veerumgaum (15 days)	...	250

YARNS.

20 bales Turkey Red No. 30/40, per lb.	...	As. 22½	
14 " " " 30/40, "	...	" 27	
7 " " " 30/50, "	...	" 23	
34 " Water " 30, "	...	" 11½	

DAILY IMPORTS —23RD FEBRUARY.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

Caledon (s), 500 bundles sheet iron, Tezpall Gopejee; 250 cases kerosine oil, Aldridge & Co.

FROM LONDON.

British Monarch, 49 cases hock, Payne & Co.

Hutton (s), 56 cases foolscap paper, Volkart Brothers; 10 casks brass wire, Cassum Abdool Rehemon.

Orlando (s), 4 cases port, 4 cases sherry, 6 cases brandy, and 1 case charizm's, Soolaiee Sreeramjee Colabawala & Co.; 2 cases paper, Ebbhoy Tyebjee.

FROM BORDEAUX.

Ocean, 75 cases brandy, Young & Co.; 14 cases brandy, Eduljee Manockjee; 20 cases brandy, Soonabjee Ardaser & Sons.

FROM GLASGOW.

India (s), 1 case Europe shawls, Ardaseer Cursetjee Darly & Co.

DAILY EXPORTS.—23RD FEBRUARY.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Manilla, 100 bales cotton, Leggatt & Co.

Und untied, 100 bales cotton, Nowrangeee Gopejee; 100 bales cotton, Nesserwanjee Manockjee & Co.; 5 bales skins, and 10 bales hides, H. E. Jatcker.

Bell's Maria, 200 bags pulse, Nasarazee Mowjee; 3,000 packets myrabolams, S. S. Narrelwala.

Sam Mendel, 120 bales hemp, Gorudhur Mooljee.

Augusta, 195 bales cotton, H. Bomanjee Touch & Co.; 4,000 bundles coir yarn, Poonjee Gungajee.

Astarte, 13 bales cott on, Framjee Tippet & Co.

Peshawur (s), to bales hides, S. W. A. T. N. Meera & Co.; 72 bales cotton, Sooderdass Mooljee.

Hindostan (s), 60 bales cotton, Bejpal Ruttonsey.

Red Gauntlet, 2 bales cotton, Visrambhoy Ebram & Co.; 70 bales cotton, Balabhoy Vizhooeandas; 50 bales cotton, Manockbhoy Luckmeedass; 50 bales cotton, Radha Vu la; 100 bales cotton, Remington & Co; 50 bales wool, Purusotum Versey; 25 bales cotton, Soomar Abdoola & Co.; 900 bales cotton, Jaee Daljeet.

Tagus (s), 1,000 bundles myrabollams, S. S. Narrelwala; 300 bales cotton, Poorumull Chunumram; 22 bales cotton, Gaddhoo & Co.; 32 bales wool, Framjee Nasha.

Caledon (s), 1,000 bundles coir yarn, Sonderdass Mooljee; 1 bale hides, Dawood Mahomed.

Prince Patrick, 14 bales skins, S. S. Cadur; 5 bales hides, A. A. Cadur.

FOR LONDON.

Peshawur (s), 2 boxes indigo, Volkart Brothers.

Ada (s), 39 cases dry ginger, Sharuff Sallamahomed.

Malabar, 18 cases brandy, Remington & Co.

FOR SUEZ.

India (s), 3 cases cardamoms, S. M. A. Latiff; 100 loads prescrves, and 20 packages black paper, E. E. Mamel.

FOR GENOA.

India (s), 50 bales cotton, Canjee Lalljee & Co.; 47 bales cotton, Mahadowdass Ochalla; 5 bales cotton, Volkart Brothers.

FOR NAPLES.

India (s), 12 bales cotton, Volkart Brothers.

FOR TRIESTE.

India (s), 115 bales cotton, Moorarjee Chittoor & Co.

North Tyne (s), 99 bales cotton, Plamque Vinay & Co.; 400 bags coffee, H. Bomanjee Touchie & Co.

Peshawur (s), 5 boxes indigo, Volkart Brothers.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Peshawur (s), 2 boxes indigo, Volkart Brothers.

India (s), 14 bales hides, Mahomed Sookiman.

FOR HAVRE.

Peshawur (s), 109 bales cotton, Plamque Vinay & Co.; 80 bales cotton, S. Tyebjee Co.

Hindostan (s), 50 bales cotton, E. Spincer & Co.

Ivanhoe (s), 50 bales rags, Goolam Hoosein Fazul & Co.

Ada (s), 300 bales cotton, W. Nicol & Co.

FOR FALMOUTH.

M. de St. Aldegonde, 100 bales cotton, H. Clason & Co.

FOR HONGKONG.

Columbian (s), 16 bales cotton, J. Forjhoy; 6 bales cotton, E. D. Sassoon; 21 chests M. opium, H. A. Esmail & Co.; 17 chests M. opium, Goolraj Seengamee; 10 chests M. opium, Rcmoderam Baichaud; 35 chests M. opium, Dinshaw Dadabhoy Ghandee & Co.; 25 chests M. opium, Cursetjee Bomanjee & Co.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Columbian (s), 14 chests M. opium, Jumnath Ramjee; 35 chests M. opium, R. Dhunjeeshaw & Co; 5 chests M. opium, Ramgoomth Jugnnath, 23 chests M. opium, Cursetjee Bomanjee & Co; 4 chest M. opium, G. Chinumram; 15 chests M. opium, Lutcheband Bhimchund; 140 chests M. opium, Goolraj Seengamee; 103 chests M. opium, Dubsook Ramsook; 4 chests M. opium, G. Chajeeram; 6 chests M. opium, C. Jewraz; 7 chests M. opium, Tarachund Setaram; 24 chests M. opium, Ramgopall Raichand.

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH OFFICE—25TH FEBRUARY, 9 P.M.

Latest dates from United Kingdom.

Via Red Sea, 24th February, 6-50 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 6 hours 5 minutes.

Latest dates from Continent of Europe.

Via Russia, 24th February, 1-51 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 1 hour 1 minute.

Via Turkey, 24th February, 9-2 P.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 11 hours 45 minutes.

Via Red Sea, 25th February, 9 A.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 4 hours 20 minutes.

Latest from America.

Via Red Sea, 25th February, 3-12 A.M., Greenwich time. Time in transit, 5 hours 41 minutes.

The time occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay from 9 P.M. of the 24th to 9 P.M. of the 25th February is as follows:—

To Bombay.	MAX.	MIN.
From Calcutta	1 32	0 50
" Kurrachee	1 35	0 14
" Madras	0 52	0 14

SHIPPING.

DAILY FREIGHT REPORT—24TH FEBRUARY.

London	Cotton	£3 0s. 0d.	Nominal.
	Cases	£3 0s. 0d.	do.
	Seeds	£2 15s. 0d.	do.
Liverpool	Cotton	£2 15s. 0d.	to £2 17s. 6d
	Wooden Ships	£2 15s. 0d.	
	Myrabolm & Oil-r bills	£2 15s. 0d.	
	Seeds	£2 5s. 0d.	
Havre	Cotton	£3 2s 6d.	
Overland	Steamers	£3 15s. 0d.	
Liverpool	via Suez Canal	£3 3s. 0d.	to £3 12s. 0d.
China	Steamer Cotton	Rs. 6 per bale.	
	Opium	Rs. 25 to 30 per chest	
	Sailing Ships	Rs. 4 per bale nominal	
Calcutta	Salt	Rs. 5 0 0 per ton	
Calcutta to Bombay		Rs. 20 and Calcutta Port charges	
Mauritius		Nothing doing.	

ARRIVALS.

Feb.	Vessel.	Commander.	From
21	Camperdown	Axon	Liverpool, Oct. 4.
	Brasilian (s)	Green	Liverpool, Dec. 23.
23	M. S. Elphinstone (s)	Raffin	Goa, Feb. 21.
	Sir J. R. Carnac (s)	McNeill	Carwar, Feb. 22.
	Trieste (s)	Benich	Trieste, Feb. 1.

DEPARTURES.

Feb.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
21	Durham (s)	French	Liverpool.
	Pilot (s)	Baker	Coast and Goa.
	Maharatta (s)	Long	Malabar Coast and Calcutta.
	General Havelock (s)	Drewitz	Malabar Coast.
	Orlando (s)	Doxser	Liverpool.
	Ocean	Rotunier	Falmouth, &c.
25	Glenavon	Smith	Havre.

HOOGHLY.

ARRIVALS.

Feb.			
22	Madras (s)	Starratt	Moulmein, Feb. 16.
	Mallesy	Carwen	Liverpool, Nov. 1.

MADRAS.

A RIVAL.

Feb.		DEPARTURE	
22	Golconda (s)		Suez.
Feb.			
21	Scotland (s)		London.
	Zoroaster (s)		Calcutta.

MILITARY.

ARRIVALS.—FEBRUARY 24.

Penn, Lieutenant-Colonel, Royal Artillery, on leave, from Ahmedabad.

Pottinger, Major, Royal Artillery, on sick leave, from Mhow.

Farrington, Colonel, Bengal Staff Corps, from furlough, from England.

Strong, Assistant Surgeon, Madras Medical Department, from furlough, from England.

Graham, Captain, Bengal Staff Corps, from sick leave, from England.

Lewis, Assistant Surgeon, Bombay Medical Department, from sick leave, from England.

Morris, Major, Madras Light Cavalry, from leave, from England.

DEPARTURES.—FEBRUARY 24.

Harris, Captain, 40th Regiment, on medical certificate, to England.

Coldough, Colonel, Royal Artillery, on leave, to England.

Wynch, Captain, Royal Artillery, to join, to Madras.

Blakeley, Captain, The Buffs, to join, to Benares.

Scott, Lieutenant, 2nd Queen's, to join, to Belgaum.

Hume, Captain, 11th Bombay N. I., to rejoin, to Sattara.

Fowlis, Major, Madras St. F. Corps, on private affairs, to England.

Hanbury, Lieutenant, 8th Lancers, on private affairs, to England.

FEBRUARY 25.

Strong, Assistant Surgeon, Madras Medical Department, from leave, to Hoshungabad.

BOMBAY ARMY ORDERS.

By HIS EXCELLENCY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Adjutant-General's Office, Head Quarters, Poona, 26th February 1872.

The Officer Comdg. 15th Hussars is authorized to issue to each of 25 Horses in his Regt. 50lbs. Lucerne grass daily from 20th Jan. to 20th Feb. 1872.

Qr. Mr. Sergt. T. Reid (1st Batn. 2nd Foot), Deolalee Depot, is remanded to his regiment in his present rank, for the purpose of having his discharge carried out.

The following tranfer has been sanctioned by the Right Hon. the C.-in-C. in India, subject to the approval of H. R. H. the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief.

19th Brig. R. A.—Lt. J. W. T. Spencer from B to F Bat.

Under instructions from the War Office it is intimated that an exchange of Battery has been sanctioned between Capt. E. McCarthy-Morrogh, 1 Bat. 6th Brig., and Capt. A. S. Hunter, No. 4 Bat. 15th Brig. R. A.

Asst. Surg. Burtchaell, M.D., 22nd Brig. R. A., is appointed to do duty with the troops proceeding to England in H. M.'s Indian troop-ship Serapis on the 6th prox., in addition to the medical officers named in G. O. C. No. 114 of 21st inst.

Major Hall, Garrison Instr., Poona, was directed to proceed to Bombay on duty on the 8th inst., travelling from Poona and back at the public expense.

Vet. Surg. W. D. Rogerson, 9th Brig. R. A., is directed to proceed to Bombay and assume Veterinary charge of 11 Battery.

Vet. Surg. Rogerson will travel on duty at the public expense.

Surg. Major J. Bain, M.D., is placed on general duty, Bombay, from the 1st Dec. last.

The C.-in-C. is pleased to make the following appointments :—

20th Regt. N. I.—Lt. W. H. McMath, to Neilgherries, from 6th Feb. 1872, for three months, on medical certificate, in extension.

R. A.—Capt. and Local Maj r G. Napier, (18th Brig.) Comsy. of Ordnance, from date of departure, for 30 days, to Bombay, on medical certificate.

The undermentioned officers have leave of absence :—

Staff orps.—Col. J. S. K. Whitehill, omdt. 23rd N. I. L., for thirty days from date of departure, preparatory to proceeding on furlough.

65th Foot

PASSENGERS BY THE HOMEWARD MAIL.

THE P. and O. Co.'s s.s. Peshawur, 3,782 tons and 600 h. p., Captain C. A. White, will sail to-day for Aden and Suez with the English mail and the following passengers :—

FOR SOUTHAMPTON.

Mrs. E. O. Leggatt, and three children. Mrs. Dunscerville. Mr. O. Bovie. Mrs. Hardie. Mr. and Mrs. Bradley. Revd. Mr. and Mrs. Vines, and three children. Mr. Mitford.

FOR BRINDISI.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith. Mr. N. S. Alexander. The Marquis and Marchioness of Dreghela. Mr. R. H. Powsey. Colonel and Mrs. Playfair. Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Dun, and six children. Mrs. and Miss Rice. Mr. E. J. Evans. Mr. E. C. Daniell. Captain C. L. Highmoor. Mr. G. Whitney. Mr. John Rumfory.

FOR ADEN.—Mr. H. Bier.

THE THANKSGIVING FOR THE RECOVERY OF THE PRINCE OF WALES.

DAY OF THANKSGIVING.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SONAPORE.

11 A.M.—Matins, Choral Celebration of Holy Communion, and Sermon, Processional Psalm 68, Introit, Hymn 237 (Rejoice to-day, with one accord), Hymn before Sermon 335 (Saviour, blessed Saviour), Communion Hymn 348 (Draw nigh, and take the Body of the Lord). After Service, Solemn Te Deum.

CHRIST CHURCH, BYCULLA.

To-morrow being the day appointed to be observed as a day of general thanksgiving for the happy restoration of the Prince of Wales to health and strength, there will be full service (with the Celebration of Holy Communion) in the above church at 11 o'clock.

The Offertory, which it is hoped will be liberal in proportion to the greatness of the mercy vouchsafed and the token of gratitude to Almighty God, will be devoted to some work of improvement in the Church (to be determined upon hereafter by the congregation and trustees)—such for example as providing proper seats and book-rests for the Choir—so that some memorial of the great blessing which it is intended to celebrate may be before the congregation in some lasting form.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, APOLLO STREET, FORT, [CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.]

Special Thanksgiving for the recovery of H. R. H. The Prince of Wales.

11 A.M.—Psalm 148.
"Sing O Heavens."
Hymn 7.
Make a joyful noise unto the Lord.
Thank offering for the poor.

IN conformity with the notification of Government, Messrs. Gopaldass Madowdass and Venayeckrao Juganathjee Sunkersett have issued a notice calling upon all the Hindoos of Bombay to attend at the Temple of Samoodree Matta, on Bhooleshwer Road, on Tuesday the 27th instant, at 3 P.M., to offer prayers for the restoration to health of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales.

A CIRCULAR has been issued by Cazee Abdool Latiff Sahib Londay Cazee of Bombay, Messrs. Nacoda Mahomed Ally Rogay, Hajee Esmail Hajee Hubib, Cumroodin Tyabjee, Ahmedbhoy Habibhoy, and Jaffer Suleman, junior, inviting the Mahomedan community to attend at the Juma Musjid on Tuesday next the 27th instant, at 2 P.M., for the purpose of offering thanksgivings for the recovery of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

WE are requested to intimate that a Special Prayer Meeting of the Members of the "Saraswat Brahma Samaj" will be held in the Subha Mandap of Shree Moorlidhur's Temple, Girgaum, between the hours of 12 A.M. and 3 o'clock P.M. on Tuesday the 27th instant, for offering up prayers to the Almighty for the recovery of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales. At 3 P.M., the congregation there assembled will proceed to the Moombadevie Temple to join the congregation of the Hindu community specially invited to offer their prayers.

BOMBAY RACES.

STEWARDS.—Hon'ble S. Mansfield, C.S.I.; Major Lukin; Captain Stack; T. M. Filgate, Esq.; Gerald S. V. Fitzgerald, Esq.; F. F. Arbuthnot, C.S., Hon. Secretary.

SECOND DAY, SATURDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY.

THE races this afternoon were upon the whole as good as the first day's, and were even better attended, no doubt owing to its being a Saturday. The Club balcony was graced with a fair sprinkling of the fair sex, while the sterner mustered in great force both there and in the weighing enclosure and stewards' stand. The Grand Stand, erected by our enterprising citizen, Mr. Jaffer Sulliman, was tolerably well filled with the exception of the part set aside for the first-class, though why this should be so we are at a loss to imagine, as it is a very commodious and convenient look-out. We should advise sweethearts and wives not to be put out with excuses. The "great unwashed" who congregated in every accessible nook and rising where a view could be had of the running and finish. The interest in each event appeared never to flag, and we are happy to add not a single contretemps occurred to mar the enjoyment of the evening. We were nearly forgetting to add that excitement reached its climax on the appearance of the gallant one-armed Major for the first race, "the Welter," riding his own horse Elphinstone. Many of our readers no doubt are acquainted with the exploits of the veteran "Shikaree" in "The Field, Forest, and Turf," but he did "astonish the natives," by so stoutly contesting the race on his game little horse, and which took many lengths to "pull" down. "Great Sweepstake" brought a couple, and was soon dissipated by the bonny Sonbesm—beating Silvertail in the hollowest of canters. "The Derby—" the race of the day—was considered by the connoisseurs to be an open one, though holding Uhlan in favour, but for our part we held on to old Maharaj, and our predictions were verified, though his rider nearly made a mess of it. In coming up the straight run home, near the distance post, in rounding the corner, the latter, Vulcano, and Uhlan were close up together, Maharaj leading. The native riding the last-named, instead of keeping ahead straight, made a rush for the inside, thus crossing Volcano, whose rider upon coming into the weighing enclosure claimed the race, which, however, on being submitted to the Stewards, and evidence taken, they awarded the race to Maharaj. For the "Cowasjee Jehangir Purse," Lord Lyon, who was admirably ridden by Hackney, made a great effort and arrested the victory from Satellite. The latter, if he had been ridden by a European, would have run away from the others if sent along the first half mile—which he simply cantered—being done in 1 min. 3 sec., allowing the old horse to save his wind and come up with a tremendous spurt at the finish. Five as many little beauties as one would wish to see put in an appearance for the "Galloway Plate," and made it the race *par excellence* of the day. From start to finish all were in a hot Gipper, who proved himself a sorry colt, despite his looks. Mameluke, the first day's winner, was made first favourite, then Major Crosbie's stable, then Sweet Briar, who however put a thorn in the others' sides. For the "Arab Welter" Sirmust was fancied, although Alexander found backers through the weight being in his favour—his case proves what a difference a few pounds will make. The gentleman who rode him deserves great credit for the way in which he brought a cripple in a winner: we expected to see them both come down every moment.

The following is the card with the results :—

FIRST RACE.—"The Welter."—Rs. 200 from the Fund. 1 mile. Gentlemen riders. Weight for age and class, and three stone in excess of the standard. Maidens allowed 7 lbs. Winners of the Hack 7 lbs. extra. Entrance 3 G.M. To close and name the day before the race. Winner to be sold for Rs. 600. Anything bid above that to go to the Fund.

	st. lbs.		
Major Frolyn's ...	g a h Elphinstone ...	10 6	Major Frolyn. 1
Mr. Ali Abdoola's.	b aus g Promised Land.	12 10	Capt. Stack.... 2

Both rushed to the fore, and raced home as hard as they could go, the Major landing his grey winner by a neck in 1 min. 58 sec.—Very good time, considering the weights.

SECOND RACE.—"The Great Bombay Sweepstake"—Of 100 G.M. each. H. F. 1½ mile and a distance. For all Arabs and country-breds. Weights for age and class. Winners before the day of the races, once 4 lbs., twice 7 lbs., three times 10 lbs., oftener 14 lbs. extra. Maidens allowed 7 lbs. Maidens that have never won 12 lbs. Nominations to be taken on the 1st May 1871, and name the day before the race.

		st. lbs.	
Mr. Ali Abdoola's...	b a h Sunbeam	10 3	Hastings 1
H. H. Aga Khan's...	g a h Silvertail	9 12	W. Brewtey... 2

The grey secured the lead, and kept the same to the Dhobies' corner, the bay laying behind on the other's heels about two lengths. On emerging into sight again the positions were found to be reversed, the bay now leading, and making the running as strong as he could. From this point it was no race, as Sunbeam had its all to himself, and was pulled up in the winning post. Time—3 min. 4 sec.

THIRD RACE.—"The Derby."—Rs. 500 from the Fund. For all maiden Arabs. Weight for age. 1½ miles.

Entrance 1st May 1871 ..... 5 G.M.
1st September 1871 ..... 10 ,,
1st January 1872 ..... 20 ,,

when the race will be. Winners before the day of the race, once 5 lbs., twice 7 lbs., oftener 10 lbs extra, with a Sweepstakes of 5 G.M. for each horse declared to start.

		st. lbs.	
H. H. Aga Khan's...	g a h Maharaj	9 13	Cassim 1
Capt. Ewart's.....	b a h Volcano.....	8 12	Hastings 2
Mr. Ali Abdoola's..	b a c Uhlan	9 0	Challoner 3
Mr. N. Manockjee's..	b a h Advance	8 9	Hackney 4
H. H. Aga Khan's...	b a c Saheb.....	8 9	Brewtey..... 5

A pretty fine start was effected, but in turning the first corner Uhlan was leading, the rest close up in a ruck, with the exception of Maharaj, who appeared to be making a waiting race of it, two lengths in rear. Nearing the mile post his stable companion, Saheb, went to the fore and forced the running, endeavouring to pump the others. It was, however, but for a short distance, for at the mile post the Volcano burst forth, and took the others merrily along for the next half-mile, the rest well in attendance. Emerging from the Dhobies' corner he was still to the fore, but opposite Pallonjee's the Maharaj was called upon, and, gallantly responding, rushed to the front; his companion Saheb, now done his duty, here fell back last. From the half-mile a most exciting race ensued between the other four, as from the distance all were hard at work, but the old horse overhauled the others hand over hand, and came in a winner by a couple of lengths. Volcano a good second, with Uhlan third, and Advance close up, Saheb cantering quietly in. If Volcano had been a little more "fit," we think the tables would have turned; as it is we expect to hear better from him the next time. The first half-mile was slow—1 min. 1 sec.; the next better, 57 sec.; mile, 1 min. 58 sec.; the whole distance, 1½ mile, in 3 min 57 sec.

FOURTH RACE.—"The Cowasjee Jehangeer Purse"—Of Rs. 250. For all maidens. Weight for age, and class. 1½ mile.

Entrance 1st May 1871 ..... 5 G.M.
1st September 1871 ..... 10 ,,
1st January 1872 ..... 20 ,,

when the race will close. Winners before the day of the race once 5 lbs., twice 7 lbs., oftener 10 lbs. extra; with a Sweepstakes of 5 G.M. for all horses declared to start.

		st. lbs.	
Major Crosbie's	b w g Lord Lyon	9 10	Hackney 1
Mr. Ali Abdoola's..	b a c Satellite	7 12	Oomer 2
Mr. Ali Abdoola ma..	b a g Dick Turpin	9 6	Challoner 3

Off together, but in rounding the corner were playing "follow my leader," when Satellite having taken the place of honour, Dick Turpin next, and his Lordship in the van. Nearing the mile-post, the latter put on steam, and took second place—the first half-mile seemed to be cantered, being performed in 1 min. 3 sec. From this point they went with a will up to the Dhobies' corner. On again coming into view Dick Turpin was found lagging, the other two along side of each other racing home. From the distance both riders were at work, and it was hard to say whose it would be, but by dint of sheer good riding, Lord Lyon was landed a winner, after a most exciting finish, in 2 min 54 sec., the two last half miles being done in 56½ secs. each.

FIFTH RACE.—"The Galloway Plate."—Rs. 300 from the Fund. For all Galloways. 1½ mile. Weight for inches. Maidens allowed 7 lbs. Winners before the day of the race, once 5 lbs., twice or oftener 7 lbs. extra.

Entrance 1st May 1871 ..... 5 G.M.
1st September 1871 ..... 10 ,,
1st January 1872 ..... 20 ,,

when the race will close.

		st. lbs.	
Meer Akbar Ali Khan ...	b a g Sweet Briar.....	8 11	W. Brewtey... 1
Major Crosbie's	b a g Bijou	8 11	Bowjee..... 2
Abdool Raymon's...	c a g Mameluke	9 1	Ednan 3
Major Crosbie's	g a g Electric.....	9 1	Hackney 4
H. H. Aga Khan's...	b a g Clipper	8 7	Cassum 5

Sweet Briar was first off, but had not held the place of honour long, before it was wrested away by Electric—Clipper last, where he remained to the finish. At the mile-post Mameluke was second, but nearing Pallonjee's, he was leading with others close up. From the half-mile another exciting race ensued, and at the distance all the riders were hard at work. Shouts were now raised that it was this one's, then the other's, but in the end was found to be Sweet Briar's, with Brigand and Mameluke a good second and third. Time—2 min. 59 sec.

SIXTH RACE.—"The Arab Welter."—Rs. 200 from the Fund. 1 mile. Gentlemen riders. Weight for age raised 35 lbs. Maidens allowed 7 lbs. Winner of the Arab Hacks 7 lbs. extra. Entrance 3 G.M. To close and name the day before the race. Winner to be sold for Rs. 600. Anything not above to go to the Fund.

		st. lbs.	
H. H. Aga Khan's...	g a h Alexander	10 12	Mr. R. Maitland 1
Capt. Charles'	g a h Sirmust.....	11 10	Owner 2
Mr. A.'s	b a h Brigand	11 5	Mr. Elliott.... 3
Mr. M.'s	g a h Doulut	11 10	 4

Alexander jumped off with the lead, and kept it to the finish, just managing to beat Sirmust by a head on the post; Brigand a good third, Doulut never in the race. Time—2 min. 1½ sec.

Thus ended the second day's racing.

SHIPPING ITEMS.

THE s.s. Brazilian, 2,206 tons, Captain W. G. Green, arrived on Saturday last from Liverpool (Dec. 23rd) in ballast. She discharged her cargo at Aden.

THE ship Glenavon, 1,080 tons, Captain D. Smith, sailed yesterday for Havre with a cargo of 6,311 bales cotton, 726 cwts. linseed, and 534 cwts. rapeseed.

THE ship Camperdown, 947 tons, Captain C. Axon, arrived on the 24th instant from Liverpool (Oct. 4th) with a cargo of 1,271 tons of coals. The vessel is consigned to the captain.

THE s.s. Mahratta, Captain John Laing, sailed on the 24th instant for the Malabar Coast and Calcutta with a general cargo and the following passengers :—For Cochin—Mr. R. Miller; and nineteen deck passengers.

THE s.s. Durham, 1,441 tons, Captain A. F. French, sailed on Saturday last for Liverpool, via the Suez Canal, with a cargo of 7,144½ bales cotton, 726 bales wool, 179 cwts. coir yarn, 575 cwts. horns, 1,233½ cwts. coffee, 750 cwts. galls, and 101¼ cwts. hemp.

THE s.s. Orlando, 1,104 tons, Captain T. Dosser, sailed on Saturday last for Liverpool, via the Suez Canal, with a cargo of 4,842 bales cotton, 80 bales wool, 800 cwts. galls, 220 cwts. coir yarn, and the following passengers :

For Suez—Major C. L. and Mrs. Pereira; Mr. G. R. Webster.
For Liverpool—Colonel A. and Mrs. Irvine, 4 children and ayah; Mr. and Mrs. G. Purvis, child and ayah; Mrs. Kennedy; Colonel G. Colclough; Mr. and Mrs. R. Acklow, infant and European nurse; Captain and Mrs. C. Hanbury and ayah; Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Storer, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Hazen; Mr. and Mrs. W. Macmullen and 2 children; Mrs. Staniland; Mrs. Barrow and infant; Mrs. Rayner and 2 children; Captain R. T. and Mrs. Harris and child; Mr. G. Lamb; Mr. T. Souter; Mr. and Mrs. Todd and 2 children.

THE P. & O. steamer Golconda, from Suez, Aden, and Galle, arrived in Madras roads on Thursday morning with the following passengers :—

From Southampton—Messrs. Mandley and R. Porter.
From Brindisi—Mr. Lavie.
From Suez—Mrs. Lindsay's ayah.
From Hongkong—One Private 13th Regiment M.N.I.
From Galle—Mr. Millbank and native male servant, Messrs. H. Sim and Melville and native servant.
From Southampton to Calcutta—Dr. and Mrs. Mantell, Mrs. Prince and child, Mr. J. Thompson, Captain Saportas, Miss Cobb, Messrs. Lang and Haley.
From Brindisi to Calcutta—Captain Newmarch.
From Singapore to Calcutta—Mr. Fleming.
From Galle to Calcutta—Messrs Nelson, Brachan, Robinson, Hall and McLean and native servant.

The Golconda left at noon for Calcutta with the following passengers :—

From Madras—Messrs. A. Quinlan, E. H. Lacroix, and George Grace and one native ayah.

"THE BOMBAY GAZETTE OVERLAND SUMMARY."

THE *Bombay Gazette Overland Summary*, published this morning, contains a full statement of the further particulars regarding the assassination of Earl Mayo, the funeral ceremonies, the lying-in-state, &c,

ALARMING FIRE IN THE NATIVE TOWN.

LOSS OF TWO LIVES.

ABOUT 2 o'clock yesterday morning, an alarming fire broke out in a four-storied house situated in a densely crowded part of the native town known as Syed Abdool Rehman Street. The neighbouring houses are occupied chiefly by Borahs and Parsees, the ground-floors being used as godowns for storing dubbers of ghee, kerosine oil, cocoanut oil, and other inflammable substances. Just opposite the house that took fire are godowns stored with fuel; and the degree of danger to the entire neighbourhood in the event of fire may be inferred from the fact that all the houses lie contiguous to each other. It appears that the fire, which broke out in the house above mentioned, the property of Mahomed Ammee Chandabhoy, a Borah merchant, owing to the early hour of the morning, when all the inmates were asleep, was not discovered until after the flames had run over nearly the whole building. The owner himself lived with his family on the first storey; the second was occupied by another Borah family; and a Borah family likewise occupied the third and fourth stories. A man named Moonaverally Khanjeebhoy, who with his wife Fatmaboo was asleep on the fourth storey, was the first to awake to the alarm of fire. Leaving his wife asleep in her bed, Moonaverally ran downstairs to the third storey to rouse his uncle and his family. He then ran back to his own bed-room; but before he could come down with his wife, the staircase was enveloped in flames, and in the confusion of the moment they were left helpless on the fourth storey. The tenants occupying the lower stories had a narrow escape and ran down into the street, Moonaverally's relatives believing that, at the time of giving them the alarm, he had made his escape with his wife. It was not until some time after words that they discovered their mistake. So narrow, indeed, was the escape the occupants of the house had from being roasted alive in consequence of the staircases being all in flames, that one or two, wrapped up in cotton mattresses, had to be hurled out of a window on the first storey into the street. The horror of the death of Moonaverally and Fatmaboo can only be imagined. The screams of their relatives were Heart rending, but the staircases having been burned down there was no possibility of rendering them any assistance. The houses on each side have front balconies as far up as the fourth storey, and they might possibly have escaped by climbing over them from the nearest windows but it is supposed, however, that they were suffocated among dense masses of flame and smoke and could not make their way to the front part of the building. In three hours the whole building was burnt down. The adjacent houses were, however, saved from the fire by the very effective assistance rendered by the neighbours and the police and fire brigade. For some time only a hand engine is said to have been available, but three of the steam fire engines and two more hand engines were afterwards brought to the spot. Mr. Souter, the head of the police, was present at the scene of the fire, and judiciously directed the work of his subordinates. The fire was put out by half-past 5 A.M. Labourers were engaged all day yesterday in clearing the debris, among which they discovered two pieces of human remains. A hand with a glass bangle on it, and another with a ring on the finger, were the only mortal remnants of Moonaverally and Fatmaboo, which satisfied their relatives beyond a doubt that they had perished in the flames.

The inmates of the house have lost all their property, for they had to run for their lives and could save nothing of it. The damage, including the property in the house, has been estimated at about Rs. 75,000.

ARRIVAL OF H. M.'s GUN VESSEL MAGPIE.

ON Thursday afternoon the gun vessel Magpie, Captain Proby Doughty, arrived in Bombay, after being absent in the Persian Gulf since the 24th April. The Magpie is, we believe, the first of Her Majesty's ships that has spent an entire hot season in these waters, and this experiment by the Admiralty has resulted in the death of three Europeans from Asiatic cholera —one was Dr. Hart and the other two were able seamen. During the stay the Magpie made at Bahrein the heat was very intense; but with the exception of chasing and capturing three Arab slavers she had little to do in maintaining our political influence. The Turkish squadron suddenly appearing in the Gulf about December last might have given the Magpie some work to do, but it disappeared almost as quickly as it came, after taking, as is already known, the coast from Khatif to Gotta. She reports that Ibrahim bin Ghes still holds Sohar, and that famine is still very bad at Bushire, where many people are dying daily. Several good showers of rain had fallen, and crops were growing well; but until the grain ripens a great deal of distress will continue to prevail. Everything is as quiet as possible in the Gulf, and the weather was much cooler when the Magpie left than she found it in Bombay. She left Bushire on the 30th January; Bahrein on the 2nd February, where she left behind her H. M.'s gunboats Nimbie and Lynx, and the survey schooner Constance; Sohar on the 7th; Soham on the 8th; Muscat on the 10th, leaving for Bombay on the 13th.

STATEMENT OF RAW COTTON BROUGHT TO BOMBAY.

FROM a statement submitted to Government by Major Moore, the Acting Cotton Commissioner, we see that from 1st to 27th January, 3,05,482½ cwts. of raw cotton were brought by land to Bombay by the several railway companies. 78,234½ cwts. were brought by the B. B. and C. I. Railway, 2,01,338½ cwts. by the G. I. P. Railway, and 25,589 cwts. by the East India Railway. From another statement we see that during last month 1,81,118 cwts. of raw cotton were brought by water from several places to Bombay. 2,241 cwts. were brought from the Persian Gulf, 3,678 cwts. from Sind, 13,247 cwts. from Cutch, 61,802 cwts. from British Concan, 1,00,147 cwts. from British Gujerat, and 2 cwts. from Goa.

COTTON EXPORTS FROM BOMBAY.

FROM a statement submitted to Government by the Commissioner of Customs and Reporter General, we see that during January last 4,69,77,000 lbs. (1,20,370 bales), of the aggregate value of Rs. 1,36,59,216, were shipped from the port of Bombay to foreign external ports and foreign Indian ports. Of these, 3,77,36,664 lbs., of the value of Rs. 1,10,38,389, were shipped to Liverpool; 392 lbs., valued at Rs. 169, to Southampton; 1,92,864 lbs., of the value of Rs. 56,000, to London; 14,62,160 lbs., of the value of Rs. 4,21,925, to Falmouth; 4,69,224 lbs., valued at Rs. 1,35,205, to Marseilles; 15,74,776 lbs., of the value of Rs. 4,76,760, to Havre; 3,52,800 lbs., valued at Rs. 1,03,750, to Venice; 6,05,248 lbs., valued at Rs. 1,71,235, to Odessa; 8,51,368 lbs., of the value of Rs. 2,44,835, to Genoa; 31,54,408 lbs., valued at Rs. 8,72,825, to Trieste; 5,26,568 lbs., of the value of Rs. 1,42,280, to Honekong; 24,304 lbs., valued at Rs. 1,615, to Muscat; 28,000 lbs., of the value of Rs. 1,000 to Abbas; 140 lbs., of the value of Rs. 25, to Mozambique; 84 lbs., valued at Rs. 22, to Cutch.

EXPORTS OF COTTON FROM STATIONS ON THE G. I. P. RAILWAY.

From Harry Rivett-Carnac, Esq., Commissioner of Cotton and Commerce with the Government of India; to the Secretary to the Chamber of Commerce, Bombay, dated Camp Khangaum, 22nd February 1872.

SIR,—In continuation of former correspondence, I have now the honour to forward, for the information of your Chamber, copy of a statement showing approximately the exports of cotton from the stations of the G. I. P. Railway Company in the Central Provinces and the Berars, from the commencement of the present season up to the 19th instant.

2. It will be seen that, up to the abovementioned date, the quantity of cotton sent down to Bombay amounted to 68,144 full-pressed bales, 15,443 half-pressed bales, and 16,619 dokras, making a total of about 89,126 Bombay bales of half a candy each. As compared with the figures of former years, this season's exports stand as follows :—

	Full-Pressed Bales.	Half-Pressed Bales.	Dokras.	Tota Reduced to Bales.
1869-70	17,679	19,232	9,177	39,970
1870-71	30,418	14,469	8,842	47,834
1871-72	68,144	15,443	16,619	89,126

3. The exports then of the present season, up to date, do not fall far short of double the quantity exported during the same period of the past season 1870-71, and are actually considerably more than double that of the corresponding period of 1869-70. It is to be noticed at all the stations (save indeed Nandora, which no longer exports a cotton station, Khargaum having taken its place), while the exports from Wurdah (Hinguughat) and Oomrawtee are especially remarkable.

4. In my former reports I have stated my opinion that, owing to the scant rainfall in parts of the Berars, and in the adjoining country, a falling off in the total exports from these provinces is to be expected. The above figures will doubtless suggest that this view may after all be incorrect. I should be glad if this should turn out to be the case. But I fear that the large supplies that have already been brought into Bombay may easily be accounted for, in that we must still be prepared to see the season close early with the result already predicted.

5. The season has undoubtedly been an early one. The jowaree (millet) crop in many parts of the Berars being poor, this, the cultivators' first crop, was harvested without difficulty. This made labour plentiful, and the cotton fields were thus picked and the produce brought to market earlier than usual. Then again the bad season has undoubtedly caused distress in Gujerat, which has now risen to such as much as Rs. 17 and 17½ a tolah, has been selling at from Rs. 16 to Rs. 15½ per tolah, and silver ornaments also are now be bought cheap. At one time apprehension was entertained regarding the realization of the Government revenues. But this has nearly passed. The people have however been obliged to sell their produce without delay, few can afford to hold back, and this has thrown cotton on the market earlier than usual. And then the recent high prices have attracted many to market, and the whole result is that the season has been much earlier than usual and that much of the cotton which, under ordinary circumstances, would have come in by degrees has been brought in all at once. No one believes that these supplies can continue much longer, and the season is expected to close at a much earlier date than in former years.

6. The above remarks apply chiefly to West Berar, where the want of rain has been most severely felt. As one goes east matters improve, for there rain has been more plentiful. The exports from Oomrawtee and Hinguughat have been excessionally large, and the reasons given above hold good in a less degree also in the Wurdah Valley, the season, as already reported to you, has undoubtedly been good. Here also prices are doing much to attract large supplies. If prices continue as at present, much of the cotton which is generally taken up for home consumption may find its way to Bombay, and this may to some extent affect the exports I see no reason, however, to alter the estimate already submitted to your Chamber, that, consequent on the partial failure of the crop in parts of the Berars, we must be prepared for a falling off of about 20 per cent. on the total exports from these provinces. Your Chamber have already had before them the facts on which this opinion is founded, and they are in a position to judge for themselves of the likelihood of it being correct.

7. It is satisfactory to see the increase in the supplies from the Nerbudda Valley. The figures of this and former years are compared below.

EXPORTS FROM THE NERBUDDA VALLEY.

	Dokras.	Equivalent to Bales.
16th February 1870.....	1,999	653
16th ,, 1871.....	4,361	1,454
10th ,, 1872.....	14,336	4,779

8 It will also be noticed with satisfaction that the quantity of full-pressed cotton sent down is large. During the present season out of a total export equivalent to about 89,126 bales, about 68,144, bales or about 77 per cent., have been full-pressed. This result is compared below with the exports of former years—

	Total Exports equivalent to Bales.	No. of Full-Pressed Bales.	Percentage of Full-Pressed.
Season 1869-70	39,970	17,679	42
,, 1-70-71	47,834	30,418	64
,, 1871-72	89,126	68,144	77

9. The small State railways to Khangaum and Oomrawuttee are doing their work well, as the following figures will show :—

Quantity of Cotton carried during the present Season up to 10th February.

	Full-Pressed.	Half-Pressed.	Dokras.
Khangaum Railway	18 843	419	51
Oomrawuttee Railway	28,211	1,469	29

10. The difference in the exports from Khangaum and Oomrawtuee illustrate the condition of West and East Berar. In ordinary seasons Khangaum is as much ahead of Oomrawtuee as Oomrawuttee this season is of Khangaum.

AN ACTION AGAINST THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA.

A DISPUTE ABOUT A RS. 100 CURRENCY NOTE.

At the Small Causes Court, on Saturday, before N. Spencer, Esq., Third Judge, a case was called for hearing in which John Manoel DeSouza was the plaintiff, and the Secretary of State for India defendant. The suit was brought to recover Rs. 100 due on currency Government promissory note No. C 69-22475, 6th February 1868, Bombay Circle, of which plaintiff was then holder; and Rs. 1-4-0, being interest from the 10th November 1871 up till judgment.

Mr. Langley (Rimington, Hore, and Langley,) appeared on behalf of the plaintiff; Mr. Hearn, Government Solicitor, on behalf of the Secretary of State.

Mr. Langley, in opening the case, stated that, on the 9th September 1871, Francis Xavier DeSouza received a letter at Sholapore from his father (the plaintiff) from Godra, which contained a half of Rs. 50 currency note, the other two halves for Rs. 100 each, enclosed in the same letter, having disappeared. On receipt of a letter from his son, the plaintiff preferred his claim to Government, which was rejected. It appeared that on the 24th September 1871, one Gopal Kutchranee, a piece goods merchant, received a currency note for Rs. 100 from a customer. He went to the Currency Office to get it cashed, when it was discovered that the numbers on halves of it were different, and consequently the payment was stopped. Both the plaintiff and Gopal preferred their claims, and when the former failed to get the money he filed a suit in this Court. Mr. Langley contended that the numbers on the halves of the note being different his client was entitled to recover the money. The fault of the man Gopal was that when he received the note he looked only to the value of it, and not to the numbers on the halves, and consequently he must suffer the loss.

Mr. Hearn, for the defence, said that Gopal Kutchranee, the man who received the note, appeared in Court to defend himself. Government had no interest in the matter. He submitted that the Court would not make any order as to Rs. 1-4 charged by plaintiff as interest for detention of the note. There was no negligence on the part of the defendant whatever. The note was detained because two persons claimed it.

Gopal Kutchranee said that the note was his, and it was payable to bearer.

The plaintiff said that on the 9th September last he sent a letter to his son at Sholapore containing three halves of three notes, but the son only got one half of a Rs. 50 note. His son wrote that he had not received the halves of the other notes. Gopal Kutchranee was then sworn, and, in answer to a question by the Court, said that his brother Khetsey had presented the note to the Currency Office.

Khetsey said he had presented the note to the Currency Office for payment.

His Honor asked how it came into his possession?

Witness—A customer, who purchased some piece goods, gave it to us. It was on the 24th September 1871. I don't know the name of the customer. I only looked to the value of the note, and not to the numbers.

His Honor in giving his decision, said that the plaintiff was entitled to recover the amount. It was evident that half of the note before the Court was sent by plaintiff through the Post Office, and that it never reached its destination. The party was negligent who received such a note, and under these circumstances His Honour gave a verdict in favour of plaintiff and against the defendant for Rs. 100. Gopal Kutchranee to pay the costs to the plaintiff.

BOMBAY BENCH OF JUSTICES.

A SPECIAL general meeting of the Justices of the Peace for the city of Bombay was held in the Durbar Room, Town Hall, on Saturday afternoon—Mr. Connon, chairman of the Bench, presiding.

FORMAL BUSINESS.

The following letters, &c., were recorded :—

Letter from the Municipal Commissioner, No. 1,145 of 1872, dated 19th February, forwarding copy of a letter addressed to Government regarding the new clause proposed to be added to the fifteen lakh loan bill.

Letter from Secretary to Government, No. 193, General Department, dated 11th January 1872, intimating Mr. J. Thorburn's appointment to act as Controller of Municipal Accounts on a salary of Rs. 750.

Letter from Government, No. 287, dated 17th January, on the subject of the leave of absence to Mr. Maidment.

Letter from Government, No. 296, dated 17th January, on the subject of the leave of absence to Mr. Edginton.

Government Resolution No. 391 of 1872, Judicial Department, dated 25th January, on the report of the Visiting Justices for 1871.

Letter from Government, No. 412 of 1872, Judicial Department, dated 26th January, intimating that a copy of the resolution of the Justices regarding the pay of the Commissioner of Police has been forwarded to the Government of India.

Memorandum from the Acting Municipal Commissioner, forwarding Government Resolution No. 406, dated 27th January, granting land to the Municipality, which is to be thrown into a roadway free of cost.

Report of the Municipal Commissioner regarding the use of Antop Hill for exposing the carcases of dead animals.

Letter from the Acting Municipal Commissioner, No. 816 of 1872, dated 5th February, forwarding copies of his letter No. 772 to the Chairman of the Select Committee of the Legislative Council, and of the reply thereto.

THE RESIGNATION OF CAPTAIN HANCOCK.

On the motion to record a letter from Captain Hancock (already published), resigning his place on the Finance Committee,

Mr. Nowrojee Furdoonjee expressed his regret at the resignation of Captain Hancock, and proposed that Mr. Forbes be nominated in his stead; which proposition was seconded by Rao Sahib Vishvanath Narayen Mundlik.

Mr. Forbes said he was afraid he should be unable to accept the office. His attendance at the ordinary meetings of the Bench was a sufficient tax upon his time.

The Chairman—I should have supposed that my friend Mr. Nowrojee Furdoonjee, with his great knowledge, and Mr. Narayen with more, might have said a word about Captain Hancock's continuous and laborious attention for years on this committee, and that his resignation should hardly be accepted without some expression of thankfulness. Captain Hancock, I know, got up a most laborious report—it was called Mr. Hamilton Maxwell's, and was prepared on their joint responsibility—and for that alone he is deserving of the warmest thanks which the Bench can bestow. Another word I should like to say, and that is, that I hope Mr. Forbes will be coerced into accepting this appointment. In fact, he must accept it. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Narayen Wassudewjee—You have anticipated me in the remarks I was about to make on this letter intimating the resignation of Captain Hancock. I have at these meetings over and over again borne testimony to the zeal and attention he has bestowed on municipal matters, and I think the least we can do to him our thanks. I beg therefore to propose—"That the thanks of the Bench be given to Captain Hancock for his long and valuable services as a member of the Finance Committee."

Mr. James Taylor—I have much pleasure in seconding the proposition. Captain Hancock rendered signal service to the Bench in preparing that report of the committee which was produced in 1867. I am sorry to say that, as regards the Finance Committee generally, it has been a snare to the Bench. That is my private opinion, and we should really have been better without it. The Bench could have done everything much longer, and the season is expected to close at a much earlier date than in former years.

6. The above remarks apply chiefly to West Berar, where the want of rain has been most severely felt. As one goes east matters improve, for there rain has been more plentiful. The exports from Oomrawtee and Hinguughat have been excessionally large, and the reasons given above hold good in a less degree also. In the Wurdah Valley, the season, as already reported to you, has undoubtedly been good. Here also prices are doing much to attract large supplies. If prices continue as at present, much of the cotton which is generally taken up for home consumption may find its way to Bombay, and this may to some extent affect the exports I see no reason, however, to alter the estimate already submitted to your Chamber, that, consequent on the partial failure of the crop in parts of the Berars, we must be prepared for a falling off of about 20 per cent. on the total exports from these provinces. Your Chamber have already had before them the facts on which this opinion is founded, and they are in a position to judge for themselves of the likelihood of it being correct.

7. It is satisfactory to see the increase in the supplies from the Nerbudda Valley. The figures of this and former years are compared below.

EXPORTS FROM THE NERBUDDA VALLEY.

	Dokras.	Equivalent to Bales.
16th February 1870.....	1,999	653
16th ,, 1871.....	4,361	1,454
10th ,, 1872.....	14,336	4,779

8 It will also be noticed with satisfaction that the quantity of full-pressed cotton sent down is large. During the present season out of a total export equivalent to about 89,126 bales, about 68,144, bales or about 77 per cent., have been full-pressed. This result is compared below with the exports of former years—

	Total Exports equivalent to Bales.	No. of Full-Pressed Bales.	Percentage of Full-Pressed.
Season 1869-70	39,970	17,679	42
,, 1-70-71	47,834	30,418	64
,, 1871-72	89,126	68,144	77

9. The small State railways to Khangaum and Oomrawuttee are doing their work well, as the following figures will show :—

Quantity of Cotton carried during the present Season up to 10th February.

	Full-Pressed.	Half-Pressed.	Dokras.
Khangaum Railway	18 843	419	51
Oomrawuttee Railway	28,211	1,469

four and five lakhs. There was plenty of time afterwards for that. The question was, could the work go on satisfactory now? if not they should accept Mr. Ormiston's advance and let it stand over for another year.

Mr. Ormiston, in replying on the whole debate, said—In mentioning Mr. Walton's name, Sir, I ought perhaps to have said the Executive Engineer. I do not suppose that practically it makes any difference, and I do not require any one to tell me that there should be no personalities. I have no intentions of that kind. I have the best feelings towards Mr. Walton, but I look upon it that the Executive Engineer has not obeyed orders. Mr. Hope says the Executive Engineer is his subordinate; therefore I transfer to him all the censure I formerly applied to Mr. Walton. I think that if Mr. Hope knew me as well as others here do, he would not impute to me any want of moral courage in blaming any one who deserves it. I mentioned his name simply because I thought he was an officer under this Bench. If, however, he is a subordinate of Mr. Hope's, I transfer all the censure which I formerly imputed to Mr. Walton to Mr. Hope, and I mean that it should stick there. I hope that what I have said here will be considered strictly official, and will not interfere with the friendship which, I trust, subsists between Mr. Hope and myself, and which I should be sorry if any words I have said were too severe. One remark I should like to make. We are in a somewhat extraordinary position. If the Bench discusses a project here and decides upon sending it to Government for sanction either for the work itself or the funds, it puts us in an extraordinary position if the executive officer or the Commissioner goes to Government without informing us and makes a communication in direct opposition to us.

Mr. Hope—I did not do so.

Mr. Ormiston—I understood you to say you did—that you would consider it your duty to remonstrate with Government against the propriety of agreeing to the wishes of the Bench in this matter.

Mr. Hope—I said in future, and if Government consult me I shall certainly give my own opinion.

Mr. Ormiston—Mr. Wood mentioned something about pipes. Captain Tulloch in his report on Toolsee thinks as I do. He says—"Against this it may be urged that the Vehar pipes may not stand the pressure. This is true of the mains only, all the other pipes are strong enough." With respect to carrying on during the remainder of the year I see no objection to it if the Commisioner will do what the Bench want. But if he will not carry out this scheme either in part or in its entirety, I certainly say do not begin. The great objection I have to going on with it in its present state lies in commencing work before schemes are thoroughly matured. It is unwise in any case to commence work before your plans are ready, and I see no reason for departing from that principle in this particular instance. If the Bench choose to do it they do it at their own peril, but I certainly shall give no countenance to it.

On a division Mr. Ormiston's proposition was carried by a majority of five, fourteen voting for the proposition and nine for the amendment.

It was then proposed by Mr. Connon, and seconded by Mr. T. C. Hope,—"That in consequence of Tuesday, the 27th inst., being appointed as the day for general thanksgiving for the recovery of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, the adjourned special meeting for the consideration of the Budget, and the adjourned quarterly meeting be adjourned until Thursday, the 29th February, instant."

The motion was carried, and the Chairman adjourned the meeting until Thursday, the 29th inst., at 3 P.M.

INDIAN ITEMS.

COCONADA RIVER.—The Madras Government have sanctioned the estimate, amounting to Rupees 6,278, for the construction of a new sea punt to be employed in dredging the Coconada river.

WE understand that the title of "Rajah Bahadoor" will be conferred on the Rajah of Palnohur, in Orissa, in consideration of his services to the State in suppressing certain disturbances in Khinjore a few years ago. He will also receive a sword.—*Indian Mirror.*

DURING the month of December the death-rate in the Central Provinces was 16 per thousand, or a total of 11,915 deaths in a population of 7,225,720. No less than 9,080 of these deaths are attributed to fever, and 47 to snake-bites and wild animals.

AT a meeting of the Hitakari Sabha, held on Monday evening, the members of the Sabha unanimously adopted some resolutions expressive of their heartfelt regret at the death of His Excellency the Viceroy, who was the patron of the Sabha for the last two years.—*Indian Daily News.*

RESPECT FOR LORD MAYO.—At a meeting of the Hindoo community of Bangalore on the 18th instant, it was resolved to prepare an address of condolence to Lady Mayo, and to close all Hindoo schools for three days, and all Hindoo shops for one day, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Viceroy.

THE MODEL FARM, CAWNPORE.—The experiments with cotton at the Model Farm, Cawnpore, have resulted in putting it beyond doubt that the Model Farm at Cawnpore is not suitable for the growth of cotton. It is true that the season was unfavourable, and that the drainage defective; but on the other hand superior care was given to the choice of ground and manure, and to the details of cultivation. The result was a qualified failure.—*Pioneer.*

THE Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab, not wishing to leave the telegraph line for the present, has abandoned his proposed visits to Rupar, and the Chiefs of Pattiala, Jhind, and Nabha, and marches from Ambala to Loodhiana and Firozpore, which he reaches about the 1st of March. The levee and durbar of His Honour at Ambala was countermanded in consequence of the news of the assassination of His Excellency the Viceroy.—*Indian Public Opinion.*

THE Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal has sanctioned the introduction of Sir W. Armstrong's hydraulic crane on the Calcutta Port Commissioners' jetties at a cost of Rs, 1,27,780.—*Englishman.*

LOTTERIES on the English Derby have been stopped in Calcutta, but still seem to flourish in the Punjab, as we are told that the Great Northern India Derby Sweep will come off as usual this year.—*Ibid.*

A DISHONEST TREASURER.—The treasurer of the Raipore Treasury is said to have absconded, leaving a deficiency in the money under his charge of upwards of Rs. 21,000. His securities have paid up part of this sum.—*Ibid.*

OCTROI DUTIES AT AGRA.—The merchants, traders, and dealers in cotton, silk, and other fabrics at Agra, have petitioned the Lieutenant-Governor against the maximum tax of Rs. 1-8 per cent. imposed by the Agra Municipality on the abovementioned goods on entering that city. They had formerly petitioned the Municipality, who reduced the tax on cotton fabrics to 12 annas, but kept that on the other articles at the maximum, and the merchants, not being satisfied with this, have now appealed to higher authority.—*Ibid.*

GUNPOWDER ON BOARDSHIPS.—The Commissioner of the Port of Calcutta, alarmed at the consequences which might have arisen if the fifty pounds of powder on board the Lady Mary Wood when caught fire, had exploded, have recommended that the quantity of powder which ships should be allowed to bring into port should be restricted to five pounds instead of fifty. To prevent unnecessary delay to vessels in landing and re-embarking their powder at Mootapore, the Commissioners propose to keep a powder boat constantly lying off the magazine to take powder to and from ships without any charge. The Lieutenant Governor has caused the Commissioner's letter to be published in the *Calcutta Gazette*, and if no serious objections are raised, a bill will be introduced into the Bengal Council restricting the quantity of powder to be brought into port as recommended.—*Ibid.*

EARNINGS OF RAILWAYS.—The last *Gazette of India* contains a statement of the total earnings and expenses of the different lines of railway in India, for the half-year ending 30th June 1871. The proportion of expenses to receipts is, we observe, again lowest on the East Indian Main Line—the expenses being about 40 per cent of the receipts. On the Madras, Great Indian Peninsula, Bombay and Baroda, and Eastern Bengal lines, the proportion averages about 55 per cent; but the Punjab and Delhi, we are sorry to see, retains its unenviable pre-eminence—the proportion of expenses to earnings being nearly 90 per cent. It does seem as if there was something utterly and radically wrong in the management when the receipts amount to only Rs. 25,47,541, and the expenses to no less than Rs. 22,79,491.

THE MINES OF TENASSERIM.—We understand that an experienced European miner has arrived in Moulmein to work some of the rich mineral deposits in the southern districts of Tenasserim under Messrs. Melosch Hollman & Co. of Moulmein. We trust this enterprising firm may find their operations in mining successful, as there is little doubt of the great mineral wealth of British Burmah. Capital and European labour however have hitherto been sadly wanting.—*Rangoon Mail*, Feb. 17.

CHARLES PASCAL late accountant in the Bank of Bengal was on Thursday brought up before the Town Magistrate charged with forgery and uttering genuine forged documents knowing them to be forged. It came out in evidence that Mr. Goldenburg's of Mandalay was the account with which the prisoner had tampered, and two forged cheques were produced which the prisoner acknowledged he had forged. Mr. Elmes barrister-at-law who appeared for the prosecution asked for an adjournment which was granted until Tuesday next to enable further investigation to be made regarding twenty-one other cheques which the prisoner was thought to have forged.—*Ibid.*

RUMOURED ASSASSINATIONS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "PIONEER."

DEAR SIR,—For the past few days the good people of Lucknow have helped each other into believing that the Commissioner of Agra has been assassinated, and that an attempt has been made to murder the Commissioner of Fyzabad, who, however, has escaped with a wound! We are much surprised to find you make no mention of these startling occurrences, and incline to the belief that all the Indian journals are bound over to silence as a matter of policy—questionable policy if it be so. If, on the other hand, there is no foundation for such rumours, so persistently spread abroad, the sooner their falsity is exposed the better, for the public will continue to credit the rumours till some of the leading papers deny their truth. A

DR. DE JONGH'S LIGHT BROWN COD LIVER OIL.—In describing its unequalled efficacy in general debility, R. Dalton, Esq., District Medical Officer at Bury St. Edmunds, observes: "I have not the slightest confidence in any other kind. The effects of Dr. de Jongh's Oil are sure and most remarkable especial y in that broken-down state of health and strength which usually precedes and favours tubercular deposit. I take it, and like it, unmixed with anything, as being the most agreeable way." Sold only in capsuled imperial half-pints, Pints and Quarts, by all Chemists, Druggists and Storekeepers. Sole Consignees, Ansar, Harford, and Co., 77, Strand, London.

THE GROUNDING OF THE SUSSEX.

THE following resolution has been passed by Government with reference to the grounding of the ship Sussex on the night of the 11th January, near the Carunjah shoal:—

"The Right Hon'ble the Governor in Council confirms the finding of the Court, and desires to receive the advice of the Harbour and Pilotage Board as to the manner in which the pilot, Mr. Christopher Smith's, neglect should be punished. When this shall have been determined, the finding of the Court will be published and the proceedings be sent to the Board of Trade."

THE WEATHER AND THE CROPS.

DHARWAR COTTON REPORT.

DHARWAR, 22nd February.

THE latest telegram from Home received here is that of 17th instant, quoting Fair Dhollera at Liverpool on that date 8¼d. market firm, and for arrivals strong.

In old cotton there has been nothing done on European account, either here or on the Coast; the quality of both the Sawginned and Compta remaining being of very poor description. About 300 doceas a day are being sent to the Coast ports for sale, which are bought up by natives there for shipment to Bombay; they consist principally of inferior Sawginned and very seedy Compts.

Of the new crop we have nothing fresh to report. Picking is progressing, and the weather during the fortnight has been unusually hot for this time of year; the plants in the extreme northern district of Dharwar, and in the greater part of Kulladghee, are reported to be very poor indeed, stunted in growth and almost bare of bolls. About 200 docras only of new Sawginned have been cleaned, and despatched to Bombay on sample orders.

Purchasers are experiencing the greatest difficulty this season in making contracts for new Sawginned for April and May shipment. Dealers decline to contract for future delivery at all, the consequence is that instead of several thousand bales being already contracted for, as would have been the case if they had pursued the same system as they had done for many years past scarcely a contract has been yet made; trustworthy dealers to whom it is safe to make advances, decline to sell at all, they say they fear the possible result of another American war, and prefer for the present to sell only ready cotton, and as there is none yet procurable in bulk, business is for the present at a complete standstill.

The price is nominally Rs. 270 f. o. b. Carwar April and May shipment.

Samples of new Compta are now in the market and show well. Dealers offer small parcels for May shipment from Carwar at Rs. 240.

The shipments from Compta are as follows:—

		Sawginned.	Compta.
To Bombay, from 1st to 14th February	Docras	3,776	2,068
Previously reported	"	73,218	28,695
		76,994	30,763
To Carwar, from 1st to 14th February	"	0	0
Previously reported	"	2,693	135
		2,693	135
Total docras		79,687	30,898

The shipments from Carwar are as follows:—

	Sawginned. Bales.	Docras.	Compta. Bales.	Docras.
To Bombay, from 31st January to 13th February	1,631	113	105	2,905
Previously reported	2,285	20,186	600	10,319
	3,916	20,999	705	13,224
To Europe. Previously reported	8,793	0	2,057	0
Total	12,709	20,999	2,762	13,224

EXCHANGE.—Owing to the absence of busines there has been no demand for money, and rates remain unaltered.

ROBERTSON BROTHERS & Co.,
Represented in Bombay by Messrs. Blay and Mackintosh.

BENGAL.—The official reports from all parts of Bengal for the week ended the 17th of February are most satisfactory, the only districts of which an unfavourable account is given being those of Julpigori and Darjeeling. In the former the spring-crops are poor from want of rain, and the price of rice is rising, whilst the crops in Sikkim have fallen short from serious causes, but no scarcity is apprehended, "as the people can always find enough to eat from yams and other jungle produce."—*Englishman.*

CENTRAL PROVINCES.—Rain is still wanted in some districts of the Central Provinces, though in others we are told that it would do more harm than good, as the wheat is nearly ready for cutting. Frost has injured some of the crops in the Sagar district, but in the majority of the districts the prospects are reported to be either good or favourable. The health of the people was generally good, and fever appeared to be less prevalent.—*Ibid.*

REMOVAL OF THE VICEROY'S REMAINS FROM GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

THE FUNERAL CEREMONY.

[FROM A CORRESPONDENT.]

WEDNESDAY morning last was set apart by the authorities at Calcutta for the embarkation of the body of His Excellency the late Viceroy. H.M.S. gunboat Daphne had been brought alongside the Custom-house jetty, which was draped with black cloth from the entrance gates to the river-side. The mourners and spectators were assembled at Government House at 6-30 A.M., where places were allotted, without regard to precedence of rank, to members of the Christian community of Calcutta on the steps of the Grand Staircase. The number of these was necessarily limited for want of space. The platform in the centre of the staircase was reserved for the Bishop of Calcutta—who conducted the very impressive service—the officiating clergy, the choir, and the Christian members of the procession. All others were provided with places on the north-east and north-west sides of the Government House enclosure. At 7 o'clock the solemn funeral service commenced, and seemed to make a deep impression upon the hearts of all present. The voices were accompanied in a very effective manner by the band of H. M.'s 14th Regiment and by a harmonium. The body was then carried in solemn procession to the jetty. The whole of the streets through which the procession passed were lined with spectators, as were also the verandahs, parapets, and windows of the houses. The Calcutta Volunteers formed the escort. The funeral was very numerously and respectably attended, notwithstanding the filthy state of the road occasioned by a heavy fall of hail and rain in the course of the night. All classes were represented—save your Bombay friends the Parsees. Of course there are but few Parsees in Calcutta, but I must say I was disappointed that they did not think it worth while to send a representative to the ceremony. The whole of the shops along the line of route were closed, and every where the most marked solemnity was observable.

(*Englishman*, Feb. 22.)

Early yesterday morning an open-air funeral service was celebrated over the remains of the late Viceroy, previous to their removal for embarkation on board H.M.S. Daphne. The coffin containing the remains was placed on a gun-carriage at the foot of the Grand Staircase. It was covered with a Union Jack, and the pall-bearers, who were the same as on the occasion of the procession on Saturday stood round it. At sunrise twenty-one guns were fired from the Fort, and at 7 o'clock a procession of 50 surpliced choristers, headed by Mr. Frye, the organist of the Cathedral, and followed by the Bishop of Calcutta and other members of the Clergy, filed out of Government House, and took its place on the Grand Staircase among the congregation which had assembled on the steps to take part in the service. At the same time the chief mourners stationed in the congregation. The bodyguard, sailors, and marines, were drawn up before and about the coffin, and the Calcutta Volunteers, 400 strong, filled the northern avenue of the Government House enclosure.

The service commenced by the singing of Hymn No. 163 (Hymns Ancient and Modern): "When our heads are bowed with woe." After this the Bishop said—

"Know ye not that a Prince and a great man has fallen this day in Israel?

"I am the resurrection and the life, said the Lord: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die."

Then was sung the ninetieth Psalm—*Domine refugium*—to a chant by Felton, after which was read a passage from the *Revelation of St. John* (Chapter XX. 11—XXII 5.) The Anthem, "Man that is born of a woman," followed, being sung to music composed for the occasion by Mr. Frye.

The following Collect was then read:—

"Forasmuch as it hath pleased Thee, Almighty God, to take unto Thyself the soul of this our dear brother, we now commit his body to Thy gracious care, that it may be conveyed in safety to his country and native land, there to rest in hope of a blessed resurrection, when they that are in the graves shall hear the voice of the Son of God, and shall come forth, and when He shall change our vile body, that it may be made like unto His glorious body, according to the mighty working whereby He is able to subdue all things unto Himself.—*Amen.*

The Choir then sang, to the music of Dr. Buck of Norwich, the following:—

"I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, From henceforth blessed are the dead which die in the Lord: even so saith the spirit: for they rest from their labours."

This was followed by the prayer—

"O Almighty God! Father of all mercies and God of all comfort, Thou hast taught us that we sorrow not, even as others who have no hope, for those who sleep in Jesus: we believe that He will bring them with Him at His glorious coming, as we trust He will this our brother; we beseech Thee, therefore, O Lord, give us grace to comfort ourselves with this Thy gracious promise: and grant, we pray Thee, that we may so order our life, and so wait for the coming of Thy dear Son, that we may be partakers in the joy of that Resurrection, and in the blessedness of that reunion in the glorious company of Thine elect which Thou hast promised to those who truly love and serve Thee: grant this, O Heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.—*Amen.*"

After the prayer, Hymn No. 114—Alleluia—was sung, and the service then concluded with the Lord's Prayer and the Benediction. After the service, twelve artillery horses were attached to the gun-carriage containing the coffin, and the procession was formed in the order noted in the official programme which we published on Tuesday. As the gun-carriage left the enclosure of Government House, a battery stationed in Dalhousie Square commenced firing a salute of twenty one minute guns.

The procession passed along Wellesley Place by the south-west angle of Dalhousie Square—down Kolia Ghat Street—along the Strand, the streets being lined throughout with troops, and the band playing the "Dead March" from *Saul* board the Daphne.

On arriving at the entrance to the Custom-house jetty, at the end of which the Daphne was lying, the scort formed in avenue, the horses were unyoked, and the gun-carriage was drawn along the jetty by sailors. On arriving at the landing wharf, the coffin was lifted off the carriage by crane, and carried through an aperture prepared in the raised black screen, which covered the side of the ship, on board the Daphne.

The entrance to the jetty and the railings on both sides were draped with black. After the coffin was placed on board the Daphne the procession dispersed, the escort and troops being marched off under the orders of the Brigadier-General. The Daphne left without delay, receiving as she passed Fort William a salute of twenty-one guns from the Ramparts.

ANOTHER FANATIC "SENT FROM HEAVEN" TO COMMIT MURDER.

A CORRESPONDENT writing to the *Delhi Gazette* from Mussoorie, on the 20th inst., says:—

"'Tis not every day, or week, that your scribe from these lofty diggings can record such a sensational event as an attempt to strangle a lady. A few circumstances connected with the affair may be of interest. No doubt the man, an "Aganee" from Ladak, is a madman—at least subject to periodical fits of insanity, so his *bhai bunds* (brethren) state, and that they are in the habit of confining him for a few days when under their influence. He is a Mahomedan, named "Abdool Rhyman." From what has transpired, the attack could never have been a premeditated one, for he never saw the lady before; at the same time, if assistance had not promptly arrived, he would doubtless have strangled her, for on being questioned as to where he had come from, he replied, "I've just come from heaven, and been sent by God to take her life. I've taken one already, and have been frustrated in taking this second one by the timely arrival of a gentleman!" He is a most powerful man. As a proof, he snapped the handcuffs (iron) soon after they were put on him, and when put into the *hawalat* broke the wooden framework of rails and got out. I am told, that when being taken along, guarded by four peelers with drawn swords, the prisoner turned suddenly round and gave a cough; this so alarmed the valiant guard that they bolted north, south, east, and west, much to the astonishment of the prisoner! He is now at Deyrah, awaiting trial, but I fear he can receive no punishment under the Criminal Code, as he was supposed to be *non compos mentis*, but it is to be hoped he will be sent where he will have no further opportunity of acting under supernatural or any other agency! He is only fit for a lunatic asylum. I am sorry to say the lady's nervous system has sustained a severe shock which has caused serious indisposition."

THE WORKING OF THE INCOME-TAX IN THE NORTH-WEST PROVINCES.

From C. A. Elliott, Officiating Secretary to the Government, North-Western Provinces; to R. B. Chapman, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department,—dated Allahabad, the 25th January 1872.

SIR,—In forwarding for submission to His Excellency the Governor-General in Council the Revenue Board's Report on the working of the Income-tax in 1870-71, and this Government's review of the same, I am directed to request especial attention to the extracts from the reports of certain Collectors, and the general remarks in paras. 25 and 27 of the Board's Report.

2. The Collectors quoted by the Board are among the most experienced officials in the country, and their views are entitled to attention. His Honor would point especially to the opinion of Mr. Jenkinson, the Collector of Saharunpore, an able officer, and second to none in these provinces in knowledge of the people and in zeal. There is undoubtedly a basis of truth for what he says in respect of the tendency of the tax to alienate the people from the local representatives of Government, and to sow distrust and dislike between them and those superior officials to whom they have been used to look up for guidance, protection, and advice.

3. Putting aside the general difficulties connected with the administration of the tax, already frequently discussed, and perhaps in some degree essential and ineradicable, three alterations in the existing system are suggested which would, as His Honor believes, very greatly diminish the evils and unpopularity of the tax.

4. One of these is the frequent variations in the conditions of assessment. The Board in their 25th para. give as an instance of this the change lately made in the calculation of the profits from land. Last year a zemindar, paying a revenue of Rs. 1,350, was assessed on an assumed profit of Rs. 900; this year, on an assumed profit of Rs. 1,350. The zemindar will not fail to compare the tax he is called upon to pay with that demanded from a trader, who last year paid the same as himself, and this year pays less. As was pointed out in my No. 103 A, dated 16th November, this class of men do not read the Acts or proceedings of Government, and seldom or never see a newspaper; we have hardly any means of explaining to them the grounds on which any change in the mode of calculating their profits is based. The result alone is communicated to them in the shape of an additional demand, accompanied, perhaps, with some confused or unintelligible statement by a native official, and it is no wonder if some suspicion of fraud or irritation at supposed injustice rankles in their minds.

5. The second point is the lowness of the limit of assessment. Messrs. Dashwood and Robertson have forcibly remarked with what severity the rapidly increased rate, which culminated in 1870-71, pressed on the lowest classes. This evil has, however, been in a large degree removed in the current year, although His Honor could wish that the higher minimum of Rs. 1,000, proposed last year, had been accepted. However, the relief obtained by the exclusion of incomes below Rs. 750 has been very great, and, taken in combination with the lowered rate, has acted as a sedative on the anxiety and irritation that prevailed last year. In corroboration of this the Governor may mention that, so far, he has been met with but few reclamations against the tax in his present tour.

6. The third evil, as mentioned by the Board in their 27th para., is the inconvenience of the late at which the Income-tax Acts are passed. Being brought in with the Budget, and passed in March, they are promulgated at a time when the cold weather is over and personal inquiries by European officers are hardly possible. It is pointed out in para. 27 that the tax is practically to a great extent in abeyance, or else the first assessments are made through solely native organs. Objections cannot be heard, or local inquiries carried on, till the ensuing December, Collection is delayed, and the business of the close of the year are large. If the incidence of the tax for the coming year were always known in November or December, the assessment could be completed before the hot weather began, and might made more directly under European supervision, there would be fewer objections and appeals, and less harassing of the people.

7. This proposal to dissociate the Act from the Budget leads His Honor on to add to the above suggestions for improvement in details the following more general opinion on the bearing of the tax financially. Sir William Muir has never condemned the main principle of the Income-tax (if additional revenue must be raised) in its application to the money classes and wealthy traders. It is apparently the only way in which they can be specially reached, and it is but right and fair that these should freely contribute to the expenses of a Government in the benefits of which they so largely participate. But it may be questioned whether the tax should be made (as it has been to some extent of late) the mainstay for the adjustment of Imperial finance, resorted to as a means of squaring the accounts of the year, or of meeting a deficit of a large amount of the annual deficit or the prospects of the coming revenue. It would seem wiser, and more statesman-like, in dealing with a people so impatient of inquisition, so suspicious of change, and so difficult to reach by our explanations, to make the tax a permanent and unvarying both in its reach and in the condition of its assessment. In short, His Honor would urge on His Excellency's Government the principle that the rate of assessment, once fixed on a full view of the wealth of the people and capacity of their resources at a reasonable figure, should remain so without variation; and that neither condition nor rate should be lightly changed, otherwise than on the occurrence of a great emergency, such indeed as would justify the change in the opinion of the people, and be capable of easy explanation to them. As in the assessment of landed profits, so in the assessment of incomes,—the more fixity and permanency are ensured, the greater will be the confidence and the contentment. In proportion as such a state of comparative permanency can be approached, the suspicion and irritation, the fraud and oppression, and the other evils now incident to the tax, would be diminished, the people would be more willing to be lightened, and the action of the Government would be better understood, and its motives more fully appreciated.

THE NOAKHALLY DISTURBANCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "ENGLISHMAN."

SIR,—As the information which has appeared in your paper of the 29th January and 1st February concerning the census riot at Shoondiah is far from correct, I, being a resident of the district and an acquaintance of Mr. Munro (the officer who was wounded, and not Mr. Bolst, as stated,) will endeavour to give you the true facts of the case.

The people of Shoondiah had declared previously that they would not allow the census to be taken. On this information reaching Mr. Munro, he rode out to the village, accompanied by three constables, all unarmed. He was told on the road that men were collected, but as he could not see any, he proceeded to the village, and had not been five minutes in it when he was attacked on all sides by men armed with "lattees." All attempts to pacify were answered by "Mar, mar Captain-sahib!" A very unequal fight continued through the village and on to a long "Maidan," when Mr. Munro, seeing the numbers increase every minute, determined to leg it. That seemed to give them more pluck, and a very hot pursuit was made after him for 1½ miles, blows being exchanged freely on the road. His right hand was rendered useless by a blow he received on the way, and an attempt was again made by him to quiet the blood-hounds, as he called them. They surrounded him, pretending that they wished to come to terms, when he was pinned from behind. His stick, the only weapon of defence he had, was snatched from him, and he himself felled to the ground. Thinking he was done for, they walked away, when some old friendly Mahomedans came from a village close by, poured water over him, and gave him some to drink. This so revived him that he was enabled to get on his pins again. The Shoondiah folk, repenting the offence, spared the magistrate the necessity of giving a decision on what is perhaps a difficult question. It is quite certain that, if Aphra Behn's novels and plays were now published for the first time, the publisher would suffer for it. They are wretchedly silly and outrageous in their gross and bestial indecency. It is true they are not as yet hawked in the streets. The reprint is reserved for those who can afford and are willing to pay handsomely for 8lb. The idea of reproducing Aphra Behn in a costly *edition de luxe* reminds one of the unmentionable messes in strange vessels which are supposed to have sometimes been paraded at the drunken feasts of Rochester and his companions.

If we could suppose that this reprint was only a casual freak, we should not be disposed to say much about it. But we have observed a systematic progress in these experiments which is somewhat alarming. The publisher who has now favoured us with a reproduction of Mrs. Behn began by a reprint of a collection of old ballads, some of which were unsavoury enough to impart a distinctive flavour to the volumes. Not long since we had to remonstrate with another publisher, who seemed to be making it his mission to revive books which should rather have been allowed to rot in their old obscurity. Where is this sort of thing to stop? These are days of democratic levelling, and the masses will not submit to a monopoly of nastiness for the benefit of rich amateurs. There is no reason why Mrs. Behn's, or other works just as bad, or worse, should not be republished in penny numbers for the benefit of shopboys and housemaids, as well as in four-guinea editions on large paper. The infamous crew whom the Society for the Suppression of Vice has in a great measure succeeded in punishing and dispersing will return to their old trade in a new and simpler, as well as safer, form. This is not a subject on which one law can be maintained for the rich and another for the poor; but example is more effective than legal restraints. We trust that the publisher of Mrs. Behn will be disappointed in his hopes, and that he will find his venture left upon his hands. It can hardly be pretended that there is any need to revive old nastiness. It must be a strangely unreasonable appetite that is not satisfied that what is to be found in the current literature of the day. We have women who write novels quite as wanton, if not so gross, as Mrs. Behn's. Asirma herself would perhaps have blushed at some flights of the Swinburnian muse, and might not unreasonably resent the imputation of having trodden the stage more loosely than the hundreds of half-naked ballet-girls who now dance the *cancan* nightly at the most fashionable theatres.

LITERARY GARBAGE.

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A PUBLISHER whom we will not name has sent us a packet of books with which we are at a loss to know what to do. We have glanced at a few pages, and have no desire to read any more. We should be very sorry to find a place for the volumes on our shelves, and still more to promote their circulation by giving them away. Even in the fragmentary form in which they might be sent to the buttermen or used for domestic purposes, there is no saying what contamination a stray sheet might not carry with it. In short, there is only one satisfactory way of disposing of the gift, and that is to put it at once in the fire. In doing so, however, we cannot refrain from making a protest, in the name both of decency and art, against the publication, or rather, we should say, republication, of such works as those which we have just consigned to the grate. These six volumes contain the "Plays, Histories, and Novels of the ingenious Mrs. Aphra Behn," reproduced, as regards paper, type, copperplates, and binding, in exact imitation of the original editions, and without the slightest curtailment or modification of the original text. It may be admitted that, if Mrs. Behn was to be reproduced at all, there was no use in trying to make her decent. Expurgation would have been a fruitless labour. Shakspeare may be Bowdlerized, so might Dryden, and even Congreve might be made to yield some solid residuum of wit and sense at the bottom of a Puritan crucible. But Mrs. Behn is nothing if not indecent, and would disappear bodily in the mawkish process of purification. When the experiment was completed, it would be found that there was nothing left except the covers of the volumes. The publisher of the present edition is, to do him justice, above the mock modesty of asterisks and dashes. If anybody wants to know exactly what Mrs. Behn wrote, and what sort of stuff her contemporaries relished, he will find it all here, as rank and feculent as when first produced. Time has not stale d the freshness of the ordure. It appears that copies of Mrs. Behn's writings have become very scarce, and, as they fetch high prices, at may be inferred that there is a keen demand for them. There is a fashion in these things, and Aphra has been picked out of the gutter in which she has lain so long. She is still perhaps to be found here and there in the dusty, worm-eaten libraries of old country houses; but, as a rule, we imagine, she has been ejected from all decent society for a generation or two. It may be remembered that Sir Walter Scott's grand-aunt, Mrs. Keith of Ravelstone, desired in her old age to refresh her recollection of Mrs. Behn's works, which, as a girl, she had often heard read aloud for the amusement of a fashionable company in London. "Take back your bonny Mrs. Behn," she said, returning the volume, "and, if you will take my advice, put her in the fire; for I found it impossible to get through the very first novel." She was ashamed at eighty years of age, and sitting alone, to find herself reading it. The revived taste for these works, if there really is a revived taste, must necessarily be morbid and artificial; indeed, it may be called rather a letch than a taste. It must be presumed that a publisher would not go to the expense of reprinting such books unless he saw good reason to expect a market for them. There can be no doubt, we fear, that there is a market, and from the commercial point of view, a very good market, for a certain kind of salacious literature, although it is possible that Mr. Behn may prove, not perhaps too indecent, but at least too stupidly brutish even for the most depraved taste of these days. In looking through the catalogues of several well-known dealers in second-hand books we have been struck by the prominence given to the class of works which are sometimes described by the mild technical designation of *Facetiæ*. Within the last year or two, the number of the dealers who make these wares the staple of their business, and the openness, and even demonstrativeness, with which they advertise their erotic character, appears to have increased in a very marked way. If the title of a work is not sufficiently explicit, stimulating comments are appended as an inducement to purchase it. We find, for example, *Contes à rire* recommended as "a very curious collection of amatory tales or novels;" and lest the peculiar flavour of Crebillon should not be generally known, it is mentioned that his writings are of "a very singular and free character."

It has apparently become a regular, and, if we may judge from the scale of prices, a highly lucrative, branch of bookselling, to seek out all the literary nastiness of past generations for the gratification of eager and wealthy amateurs. The Society for the Suppression of Vice has done good service, for which it deserves better support than it receives, in helping to put down the more obscure purveyors of indecency; but when one hole is stopped one smaller is opened. It would seem that there are booksellers, with handsome shops in conspicuous parts of the town, who still contrive to do a brisk business in a similar line, not only with impunity, but with profit, and with little, if any, disguise. In the catalogue of a West-end book-shop we lately found a collection of "Nude figures and other free subjects, carefully mounted on stout drawing-paper, and bound in a handsome atlas folio-volume, half red Turkey morocco, cloth sides, ornamental tooled gilt back, gilt edges, patent locks and key," marked at £14.10s., with a note appended—"This collection cannot be sent on approval." We have heard that the British Museum was at one time infested with readers who had a predilection for books of the short which is sometimes called "curious" and sometimes "free," until the Secretary established a rule that works of this kind should be shown only in a particular room, and in the presence of attendants of severe mien, especially appointed for the purpose—an ordeal which soon checked the abuse. Private dealers naturally encourage a taste to which they owe their gains, and occasionally, it is said, indulge regular customers with the run of their shelves, and the freedom of the little back room which contains their choicest treasures. A party of connoisseurs revelling in the mysterious joys of literary or artistic obscenity, suggests some curious reflections. The passion for notoriety, the rage for distinction of any kind, sometimes plays strange pranks; but it is difficult to realize the elation of the man whose bosom swells with the proud consciousness that he is pointed out in society as possessing a fine collection of nasty books and prurient pictures than any one else. Rich bindings of morocco and gold would seem to suggest convivial uses for the volumes which are thus ostentatiously arranged, although the locks intimate that the exhibition is reserved for a select fellowship.

We have certainly no intention of entering upon a critical examination of Mrs. Behn's writings. It may be said of her indecency, as of the indecency of another dramatist of the same period, that it is protected against critics as a skunk is protected against the hunters; it is safe because it is too filthy to handle, and too noisome to approach. In literary style, in dramatic ingenuity, in delineation of character, her works are as poor and commonplace as anything that can be imagined. The characters are little better than lay figures, and even in the labelling there is a strange poverty of invention. A mean and cowardly fellow, who is or has been a Commonwealth man; a dashing rake, who is of course a Tory, who despises marriage, and who succeeds with the women rather by bullying than coaxing; one or two weak and wanton women, who are all in love with the scamp, and ready, like ripe fruit, to fall at a touch or a breath—these are the types which are reproduced with tiresome monotony. The men are either canting rogues or heartless libertines; the women are ladies of quality who are ready even for courtesans, or courtesans who, from the assimilation of manners, find no difficulty in passing themselves off as persons of quality. And this description of the characters is also a description of the plot, which, with some small variations in detail, is always the same wire-drawn story of licentious intrigue and complicated amours, assignations and mistakes of identity, courting and scuffling, with occasionally, when the fun begins to flag, a rush of the company in their night-clothes across the stage. We do not accept wit as an excuse for indecency, but there are books which may be read for their wit in spite of their indecency. But if Mrs. Behn is read at all, it can only be from a love of impurity for its own sake, for rank indecency of the dullest, stupidest, grossest kind, unrelieved by the faintest gleam of wit or sensibility. Even if one were not revolted by the obscenity, one would be oppressed by the wearisome insipidity of the writer before one had read more than a page or two. It is difficult to conceive any human creature, with intelligence enough to read at all, reading through six volumes of such vapid and disgusting nonsense. We have here at least a proof that dullness and indecorum are quite compatible.

We know, of course, all that can be said in favour of such books as illustrations of art and archæology. We admit at once that Mrs. Behn's novels and plays, like a great deal of worthless and noxious stuff of the same kind, cannot be ignored by historical students. That they should have been so popular when first produced, and that a century later they should still have been read aloud for the amusement of good society, are facts which must effect our estimate of the culture and morality of those periods. The works of Mrs. Behn are part of the history of Puritanism. The outbreak of debauchery which followed, and was to some extent produced by, the fanatical austerities of the Commonwealth, is illustrated by the profligacy of the *City Heiress*, and the *Feigned Courtesans*, or a *Night's Intrigue*. Even in her own day, however, Mrs. Behn's works had a scandalous reputation, and Congreve, who could stand a good deal in that way, was startled by her audacity:—

The stage how loosely doth Astræa tread,
Who fairly puts her characters to bed!

It is true that this did not prevent her from attaining honorable interment in Westminster Abbey, and it is a pity her books could not have been put to rot with her bones. That they should now be disinterred from the obscurity into which they have happily fallen is surely inexcusable. For historical purposes there are copies enough in public libraries and private collections, and the general reader may be content to accept on trust the assurance that all he would learn from perusing them himself would be that they are very dull and very indecent. We were startled the other day by an item in a weekly paper—not *Reynolds's*, as might perhaps be supposed, but a literary journal of some pretensions—declaring effusively that "all students of English literature will be grateful" for this reprint of Mrs. Behn, and that "a larger public may now find enjoyment, and should find nothing but profit, in studying" her writings. The idea of getting any good out of such books as these reminds one of the philosopher of Laputa who endeavoured to extract sunbeams out of cucumbers, for the benefit of humanity. The critic admits regretfully that "the best passages cannot be quoted," but he does not appear to be conscious of the inconsistency of welcoming the reprint of what he is himself afraid or ashamed to reproduce in his own pages. In a recent prosecution a question was raised as to how far the reproduction in a popular form of well-known works of art of a "free" character comes under Lord